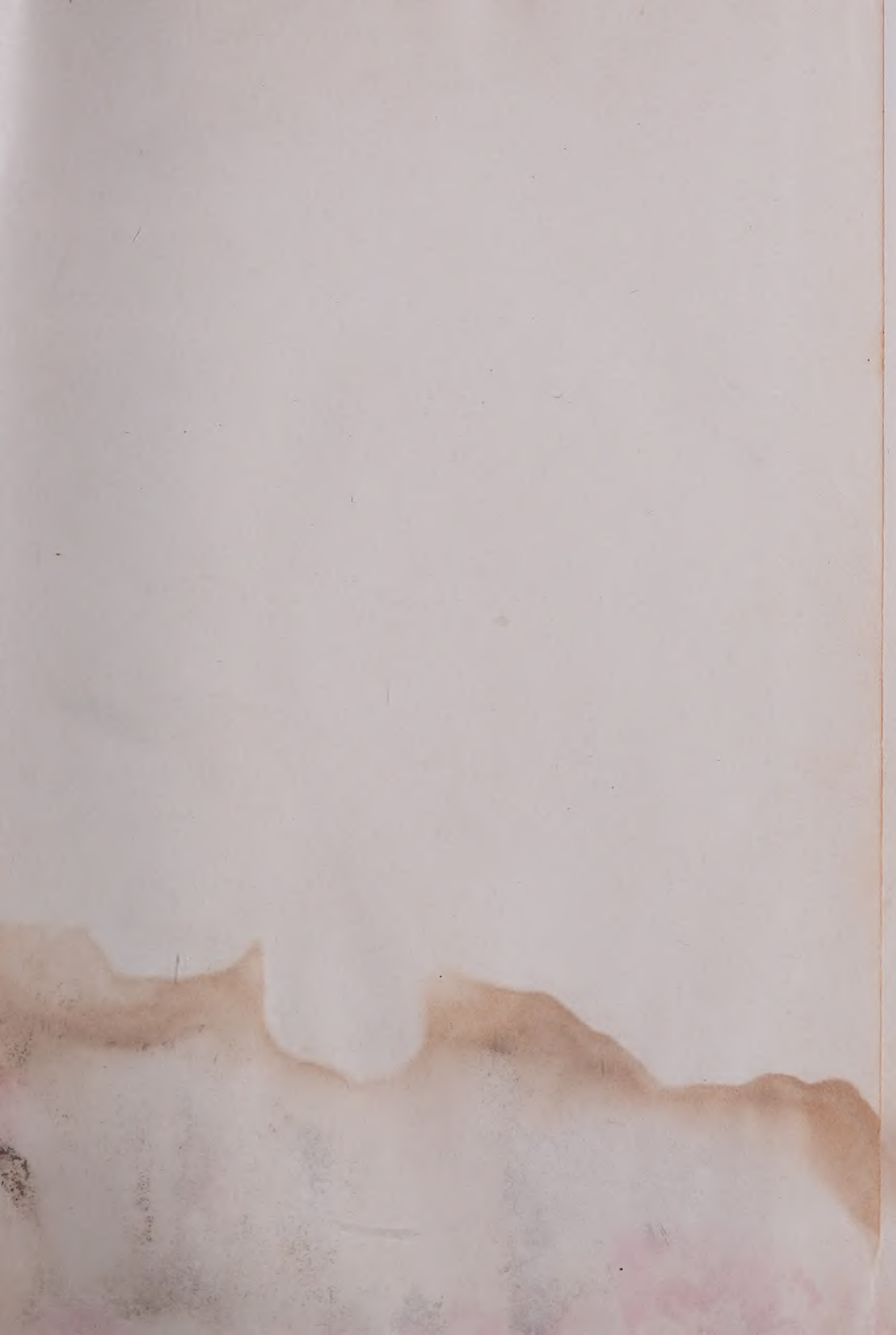


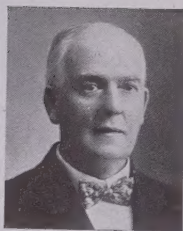
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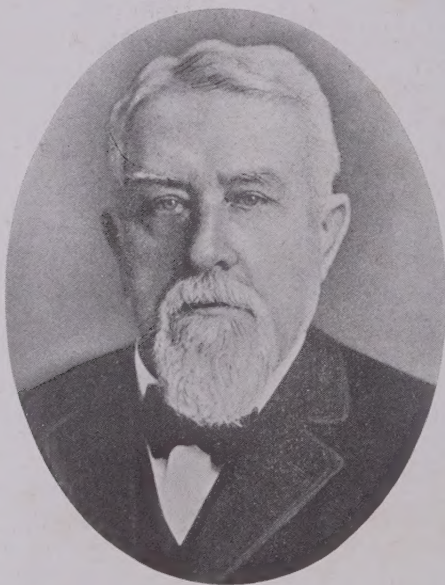
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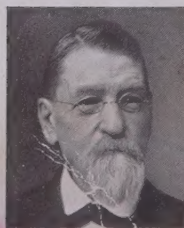
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FROM THE MINUTES OF PITTSBURGH SYNOD

"The following resolution was unanimously adopted on Friday.

"Resolved, 1st, That the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States commemorate its Fiftieth Anniversary, 1920, by the publication of a History, setting forth the important events of its existence.

"Resolved, 2d, That the Rev. David B. Lady, D. D., be requested to undertake this important work, and that he be authorized to select four associates from the Synod.

"Resolved, 3d, That Synod underwrite the publication to the extent of \$2,500." See Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod, 1918, p. 125.

At the meeting of Synod in 1919, permission was given Dr. Lady to add two more to the number of his associates in the preparation of the history. The following are the associates: Revs. E. D. Bright, H. D. Darbaker, D. D., A. B. Bauman, A. E. Truxal, D. D., H. H. Wiant, and Alexander Harsanyi, Ph.D. Synod committed to the seven persons named all questions arising as to the preparation, publication, and sale of the History. See Minutes of Synod, 1919, pp. 108, 109.

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CHAPTER I.

PENNSYLVANIA

America was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492. The first successful attempt by Europeans to occupy the country permanently was made by the Spaniards in what is now the state of Florida in 1565. They landed on the coast on the 6th of September of that year and began the fortifications and town of St. Augustine. The next settlement was made at Jamestown in Virginia by the English in 1607. The third was also an English enterprise, and was made at Plymouth Bay, Massachusetts, in 1620.

The settlers at Jamestown came to the new world in a spirit of adventure, and with the object of improving their worldly condition. They expected to enrich themselves, rumors of fabulous wealth existing among the Indians having reached Europe, and being generally believed, for a long time. The people who came to Plymouth Bay, the Pilgrims, left their homes and settled in the wilderness, west of the Atlantic Ocean, for conscience sake. They sought a place of abode where they could worship God according to their understanding of the requirements of his Word, without interference from the government, a freedom which they could not have, at that time, in their own country. America has, ever since, been regarded as a place of refuge for the oppressed of all nations.

The English authorities were willing to encourage those desiring to emigrate to the new world, whatever their motives for leaving their native country might be, for colonization would enlarge their possessions and extend the borders of their dominion, and add to the trade of their enterprising merchants. Accordingly in this way, from the small beginnings at Jamestown and

Plymouth the New England and Southern colonies came into existence, in the course of three-quarters of a century.

In the great religious upheaval in Europe which took place at the beginning of the XVI Century under the leadership of Ulrich Zwingli, Martin Luther and John Calvin, now called the Reformation, and which resulted eventually in the formation of various religious bodies, there arose in England, about the year 1650, what is known as the Society of Friends or the Quakers. Admiral Penn, a prominent officer in the English Navy, had married Margaret Jasper, a Holland lady, and one of their sons, William Penn, became a Quaker in 1667. He proved to be a man of more than ordinary ability and energy, as might have been expected from his parentage, and was very active in the propagation of his faith, for which, in that age of religious intolerance, he was called upon to suffer imprisonment and other forms of persecution. Prompted by missionary zeal, he made two visits to Holland and Southern Germany, to preach his form of religion, and found there, among the Mennonites and, to some extent, among the Reformed and Lutheran Pietists somewhat kindred spirits, and a soil ready for the reception of the seed which he had come to sow, minds and hearts prepared for the acceptance of his ways of thinking. The second, and most important, of these visits was made in 1677.

In 1681 William Penn received from Charles II, King of England, in payment of a debt of 16,000 pounds, owing his father, an immense tract of land in America, to which was given the name of Pennsylvania, or Penn's Woods. And here Penn proceeded to plant a colony, first of all, for English Quakers, but ultimately for dissenters of all kinds, where a large degree of political and religious freedom might be enjoyed. Penn, when undergoing imprisonment for his religious views, declared: "My prison shall be my grave before I will budge one jot, for I owe obedience of conscience to no mortal man." As a reflection of this sentiment the Constitution of Pennsylvania contains this clause: "No human authority can in any

case whatever control or interfere with the rights of conscience."

It is said that the first settlers of Massachussetts also insisted on freedom of conscience for themselves, but were unwilling to allow a like privilege to those from among their number, who came, in course of time, to differ from them. Hence the banishment from their settlement of Roger Williams and Anne Hutchison. In Penn's scheme of a colony a different spirit ruled. Men of every sort of religious views were welcomed by his agents. A man might change his opinions a dozen times a day without forfeiting his privileges as a citizen.

CHAPTER II.

GERMAN EMIGRATION TO PENNSYLVANIA

In recruiting for people to settle upon his American possessions Penn prepared a pamphlet in which he described the country, the provisions of his charter from the King of England, and the kind of government he was about to establish. A German translation of this paper was published in Amsterdam and copies of it were sent to Switzerland and to many places in southern Germany.

When we look for the causes of German emigration to the new world, we find them to be both general and particular.

Men are by nature restless and adventurous, anxious not only to hear some new thing, as were the inhabitants of Athens and the strangers in that city, in the days of St. Paul, but willing to leave their old homes and seek new places of abode in strange lands, to make a living and to improve their circumstances. There were before the late war, large English, French, American and Italian colonies in the hart of Germany. Many Germans, English, and Americans reside permanently in Paris and in other parts of France. This is true of other lands and especially of America. The accounts of the migrations of Nations, their discoveries of new and unoccupied countries and settlement therein, and their inroads into and conquest of occupied countries, make up a large part of the history of the human family. The Germans have perhaps more than an ordinary measure of this colonizing spirit. And this has prompted them to seek and find homes in many quarters of the globe.

After the discovery of America and when men began to start settlements here, the Germans naturally felt the impulse to join the people of other countries, the Spanish, the French, the English, the Dutch, and the Swedes, in seeking new homes beyond the Atlantic, after

the knowledge of these new opportunities for gaining a livelihood and prosperity had penetrated to them.

This is general and is at the root of the large influx into America of people of many nations after a beginning had once been made by the Spanish and English pioneers of the westward movement. And what was begun three hundred years ago is still going on. The impulse to emigrate to America has never lost its force in Europe and Asia. Foreigners were coming to these shores in increasing numbers up to the outbreak of the World War in 1914.

But there were special causes for a large German emigration to Pennsylvania.

For a hundred and fifty years after the Reformation, Germany, and, more or less, the rest of Europe, was in a very disturbed state, because of the religious and other wars which swept over the country. The Thirty Years War—1618-1648—was one of the most destructive in history. Catholic armies under Tilly and Pappenheim and Wallenstein, generals of the Catholic League, and Mansfield, Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, and Bernhard, Duke of Saxe-Weimer, generals of the Protestant Union, with sometimes French, Spanish and English armies taking part, overran a large part of Germany, and, living mainly by plunder, reduced the country almost to a wilderness. Cities and towns and villages were destroyed by friends and foes. Rapine and murder accompanied the marches of the armies, with their hordes of camp-followers; and the whole intellectual moral and religious character of the German people received a shock which threatened it with annihilation.

Of all the classes upon whom were visited the dire consequences of these wars, none suffered more than the farmers. Before this the farmers of Germany were in a state of great prosperity. Their houses were comfortable, their barns capacious, their stables well stocked with cattle, their crops plentiful, and many had money stowed away for future needs, and some even boasted of silver plate. But now horses and cattle were driven away, and houses and barns and crops were burned. The master

of the house was often tortured to discover the hiding place of his gold or, as a punishment for having nothing to give. Finally at the approach of an army whole villages would take to flight and the people would live for weeks in the woods and marshes and caves. Many were slain, or perished from exposure or hunger. And some of the young men were lured away to swell the ranks of the soldiers. In some parts of the country, more than three-fourths of the inhabitants perished and more than four-fifths of the goods were destroyed. So complete was the desolation, that in some districts it took more than two hundred years to restore agricultural prosperity.

In the Palatinate, on the Rhine and Necker, whose center was the city of Heidelberg, where the land was very fertile and the farms in a high state of cultivation, the ravages were the most severe and the sufferings the greatest. Before and during the Reformation the Palatinate was one of the most powerful and influential states of Germany, and the University of Heidelberg was one of the most famous seats of learning in Europe. Here in 1636-1638 famine and pestilence added to the horrors of war. The people tried to satisfy their hunger with roots, grass, and leaves, and cannibalism was more or less frequent. The gallows and the graveyards had to be guarded, and the bodies of children were not safe from their own mothers; and where once were flourishing farms and vineyards, bands of wolves roamed unmolested.

In 1674 and 1675 there was war between France and Holland, into which the Elector of Brandenburg and the Emperor Leopold were drawn, and this brought additional destruction to the land along the Rhine. It was the purpose of Louis XIV, the French King, to render the Palatinate useless to his enemies. Turenne, the French general, had received definite orders from Versailles to lay waste the Palatinate; and he carried out these orders to the letter. Noblemen, burghers, and farmers were plundered, fields were ruined, cattle were carried off, and even the clothing was torn from the backs of

the wretched people, and the bells and organs were taken from the churches. What could not be carried away was destroyed. Starvation again caused the death of many of the people.

In 1685 the Simmern-Zweibruecken dynasty died out and the Neuburg line, represented by Philip William, inherited the Electoral title of the Palatinate. Thereupon Louis XIV, King of France, laid claim to a large part of the country in the name of Elizabeth, the daughter of the late Elector, who had married his brother, the Duke of Orleans. This woman had no legal right to the land and did not herself claim it. England, Germany and Holland opposed the intrigue of France. Then Louis again determined that if the Palatinate could not be made to furnish supplies for the French, it should furnish none for the Germans, and approved the orders of his minister, Luvois, to lay waste the Palatinate. What followed surpassed even the horrors of the Thirty Years War. The people were ordered from their homes in the middle of winter. Country houses and churches and villages were set on fire. Wheat and rye fields were ploughed up. Orchards were cut down. Not a vine or an almond tree was left standing on the sunny slopes of the Rhine, or about Heidelberg.

The Reformed people were the greatest sufferers. Many of their churches were burned or turned over to the Catholics. It was the purpose of Louis to crush out the Protestant religion on both sides of the Rhine. Philip William, at that time Elector, though a Catholic, was a kind hearted man and by no means intolerant in matters of religion, but he was compelled by the poverty of the country to dismiss many Protestant pastors, teachers, and officials and to combine or dissolve a number of churches and schools. By the year 1693 these cruel measures had reached their utmost severity.

At the treaty of Ryswick, in 1697, the Protestants were compelled to accept the Catholic usurpations, and on the basis of this treaty the French diplomatist, two years

later, brought in a list of 1922 churches, mostly in the Palatinate, which he claimed for the Catholics. A system of nagging was then introduced and persistently practiced by the Jesuits. The Protestants were compelled to bow the knee at the passing of the Elements of the Mass, or Catholic Lord's Supper, and to furnish flowers at the church festivals of their rivals; and proselyting was carried on publicly. By one decree seventy-five school masters were made pennyless. Hundreds of petty persecutions on persons and property were made.

It is a wonder that Protestantism was not entirely destroyed in these sections. But it was not. We are told that the Reformed Church in the Palatinate showed itself, to a large extent, unyielding. Many of the pastors stood firm, and nearly all the congregations maintained their organizations. Very few proved cowards or untrue to their convictions. War and persecutions served only to purify their lives, and never since the days of Frederick IV, had the people exhibited so good a moral character as in these years of untold hardship. Pietism spread among them to some extent. Many looked for a speedy end of the world as a release from their sorrows. But the great body of the people remained true to the principles of sound religion.

The German rulers also, in these years, were heartless. All through the 18th century they tried to imitate the habits of the French Court. While the country was on the verge of ruin, costly palaces were built and enormous retinues were maintained. While pastors and teachers were starving hundreds of court officers lived in idleness and luxury. The burden of feudalism also still lay to an extent on the farmers, and the chasm between them and the upper classes grew wider as the years passed. Before the French Revolution the farmer and his children had to render body service, pay heavy taxes in case of the sale or inheritance of property, see their crops trampled down by hunting parties, and find themselves as a rule deprived of justice in the courts.

This glance at the condition of the people in Southern Germany will show that there were special reasons why

the invitation of William Penn to the Germans to join the movement to colonize Pennsylvania should be gladly welcomed and accepted by large numbers.

One of the first responses to Penn's pamphlet was the organization of a company at Frankfort on the Main to promote emigration. A man by the name of Pastorius, the hero of John G. Whittier's "Pennsylvania Pilgrim," was the agent of this company. On the 6th of October, 1683, the first German emigrants, under the leadership of Pastorius, landed in Philadelphia from the ship *Concord*, which has been called the German *Mayflower*. The company consisted of 13 men with their families. They were Dutch and German Mennonites from the villages of Crefeld and Kriegesheim. They found Penn's City on the Delaware a straggling village of some 80 houses. They themselves began a settlement nearby, which they named Germantown, but which was soon nicknamed Armentown, or Povertytown, because of the lack of all kinds of necessary supplies and the want and need of the early settlers.

But the patience and industry of these poor people soon brought them a measure of prosperity. A year after their arrival one of them wrote to a friend in Rotterdam, "I have here a shop with many kinds of goods and edibles. Sometimes I ride out with edibles and sometimes bring something back, mostly from the Indians, and deal with them in many ways. . . . I have no rent or tax or excise to pay. I have a cow which gives plenty of milk, a horse to ride around; my pigs increase rapidly, so that in the summer I had seventeen, where at first I had only two. I have many chickens and geese and a garden. My wife and I are in good spirits." Germantown was the pioneer of the German settlements in America.

In 1710 an important movement of Swiss Mennonites to Pennsylvania began. These settled in Lancaster county. On October 23rd of that year a patent for 10,000 acres on Pequea Creek was granted them. The County was organized in 1729. In 1723 a large colony of Germans came by way of England, the Hudson river and the Schoharie and Mohawk valleys in New York, to the mouth of the Swatara Creek, up which they made their way to

Tulpehocken, where they made a permanent settlement. The third and largest emigration movement to Pennsylvania began about 1727. Many at this time came from the Palatinate, but some also from Wurtemberg, Alsace, Darmstatt, Westphalia, Hanover, Saxony and other states of Germany. From 1727 to 1775, it has been calculated, on the basis of records preserved in the State Capitol at Harrisburg, that nearly 70,000 Germans settled in Pennsylvania, some of whom however eventually passed south into Maryland and Virginia. Counting the natural increase of the first 20,000 who had been in the colony for two generations, the number at the outbreak of the Revolution is thought to have been something like 110,000 or about one-third of the population. Soon after the beginning of the XVIII Century they began to take up land in what are now Montgomery, Lancaster and Berks Counties, and later crossed the Susquehanna and founded the counties of York and Cumberland, and, still later, spread over Northampton, Dauphin, Lehigh and Lebanon Counties. After the middle of the century they swept to the South and the newly opened West. As early as 1732 many Germans from Pennsylvania settled in Frederick, Rockingham, Shenandoah and other counties in Virginia, and some went to the central and western counties of North and South Carolina.

The first movement from Germany and Switzerland to Pennsylvania was made up mostly of Mennonites and those who held similar views. Those coming later from the Palatinate, Wurtemberg, Alsace, and other states were Reformed and Lutheran and a few of them Catholic. As a rule these people did not come as congregations or united groups of people, having a common religion, but as individuals and families. There were however some schoolmasters among them and those gathered the children into schools and instructed them as they had been doing in the fatherland. Some of them also met the people in the schoolhouses or in private houses on the Lord's day, and, in the absence of the regular ministry, led them in singing and prayer, and read sermons to them out of sermon books.

There were, however, some exceptions to this rule. A few ministers came with their people. In 1727, four hundred Reformed people came with their pastor, Rev. George Michael Weiss, and settled along the Skippack Creek, in Montgomery county. A few other ordained men also appeared from time to time and a few of the schoolmasters were ordained to the ministry by the authority of the Classis of Amsterdam and others by the Presbyterian Church, so that they might preach and administer the Sacraments regularly, which some of them had been doing without special ecclesiastical authority. A few of these schoolmasters and early ministers were men of not entirely blameless lives, and there was considerable confusion in church matters in Pennsylvania for a good many years. The Episcopal Church in Virginia had to contend with the same difficulties, and also, later, the Presbyterian Church west of the Alleghenies.

In 1746, the Rev. Michael Schlatter was sent to Pennsylvania by the Classis of Amsterdam, in Holland, to gather the Reformed people into congregations, and to act in the capacity of Superintendent over them. He found 46 congregations and four regular pastors. The next year he succeeded in organizing a Coetus or Conference. There were five ministers and 26 elders at the first meeting of this body. The Coetus was organized under the authority of the Synod of Holland. The Reformed population at that time was estimated at 30,000. The Lutherans were organized in the same way into Congregations, Conferences and Synods by Rev. Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg, who arrived in America in 1742.

The Reformed Church sustained many losses in the first few decades of its history in this country for a want of a sufficient supply of pastors to look after the spiritual interests of the people, and from the fact that a considerable number of the men secured to meet this want were not adapted to the work. It was a time of great religious destitution and unrest. Count Zinzendorf, a Moravian, made an attempt, probably with the best intentions, to unite all the Germans into one religious organization,

under the title of the "Unity of the Brethren." Rev. Henry Antes, pastor of a large Reformed congregation in Lancaster, and others, fell in with this movement. Both Schlatter and Muhlenberg had considerable trouble to hold their people true to their own churches. Eventually there was a demand for a change from the German to the English language, in conducting divine service, which naturally was opposed by many older people and favored by the younger members, some of whom, when their own churches seemed to move too slowly in the matter, united with English speaking congregations, or fell in with new religious movements, such as that of the Methodists, the United Brethren, the Evangelical Association, the Christian Church and the Church of God. The founder of the United Brethren Church, Rev. William Otterbein, and the founder of the Evangelical Association, a Rev. Mr. Albright, as well as the founder of the Church of God, Rev. John Winebrenner, were, at one time, ministers in the Reformed Church.

The opinion has been expressed that the members of the Reformed Church are peculiarly liable to be led from their moorings and to pass over into other churches. But this is questionable. Other churches also lost many members. Many Quakers, eventually, united with the Church of England. A considerable number of Lutherans also entered that Church. The Methodists and United Brethren recruited from any and all churches. The same is true of the Christians or Campbellites, and the Church of God or Winebrennerians. The National Baptists, in some sections of the country, absorbed large numbers of the young people of the Mennonites. Nor did the Reformed and the Lutheran Churches depend altogether upon their own material to build up their congregations. There have been Reformed ministers whose ancestors were Presbyterians or Methodists or Mennonites or Schwenkfelders. Baptists and Catholics and people of the Church of England are found here and there in Reformed congregations. Baptists, under certain circumstances, do not hesitate to accept Infant Baptism or

Episcopalians or Catholics try to find their way to Heaven without Bishops or a Pope.

This, however, may be said: A small church is more liable to lose members to another denomination than a large church; for naturally, more of its young women marry into the families of the larger churches, and more of its families drift into communities where their own church is not represented by a congregation, and so find a church home in another denomination. The Reformed Church has been at some disadvantage in this respect. The rise of new denominations is not peculiar to the United States. They are found to spring up in other countries as well as in America.

There is also in every denomination, and no less in the Reformed Church, a smaller or greater loss, each year, of actual and prospective members, brought about by the inroads of Satan and the world. St. Paul in writing to his young friend and co-worker, Timothy, referred to an instance of such loss, when he said: "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." Every denomination is losing members continually, not only by death, and by change of residence to sections of the country where the denomination is not represented by a congregation, but by withdrawals through inordinate love of the world and the overpowering presence of sin in the heart. We mourn the death of every faithful member; but are reconciled to the will of God in translating men from the church militant to the church triumphant. We part reluctantly from those, who, for good reasons, transfer their membership and activities to sister churches, but are glad to have them use their Reformed training to build up Christ's Kingdom under other auspices. But for those who leave us for love of the world or to serve Satan, we have only sorrow and regret. Their withdrawal is nothing but pure loss—loss to their church, and an infinitely more serious loss to themselves.

CHAPTER III.

THE SETTLEMENT OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

"Beyond the mountains there are people too." But for many years there were no Pennsylvanians or Virginians west of the Appalachians. About 1715 to 1728 an occasional trader would venture to cross these natural barriers to secure furs from the Indians of the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio Valleys. Among these hardy adventurers were James L. Fort, Peter Cleaver, John Evans, Henry Devay, Owen Nicholson, Alexander Magenty, Patric Burns, George Hutchinson, Barnaby Currin, John McGuire, and a Mr. Frazer, who for a time had a trading station at Venango, now Franklin, but afterwards, moved back to the Monongahela river, at the mouth of Turtle Creek, where he was found by Washington in 1753.

These pathfinders of the wilderness were, in time, followed by settlers. In 1848, a Mr. Lee, who was of the King's Council in Virginia, and twelve other gentlemen of that state and Maryland, with a Mr. Hanbury, a London merchant, formed what they called "The Ohio Company," whose object was to settle lands and carry on trade with the Indians, west of the mountains. Augustine and Lawrence Washington were members of this company. The King of England granted these gentlemen 500,000 acres of land between the Monongahela and Kenawaha Rivers. In 1750, Christopher Gist was sent out to explore the country. He crossed the mountains and reached the Allegheny River by the valley of the Kiskeminetas, and went as far west as the Muskingum. This was the Captain Gist who accompanied Washington on his mission to the French at Fort Le Boeuf in 1753.

The first actual settlement was made in 1752 by Mr. Gist himself and his family and eleven other families at what is now known as Mt. Braddock in Fayette County,

Pa. The southern part of Western Pennsylvania, including a part of Somerset, Fayette, Green, Washington, Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties, was claimed by the Virginians, as belonging to that Colony. The extension of Mason's and Dixon's Line to the eastern border of Ohio in 1784 gave this territory to Pennsylvania. In 1754, the Governor of Virginia, acting on a hint of Washington, in one of his letters or journal, sent Captain William Trent with a company of Virginia troops to erect a fort at the forks of the Ohio to defend the country against the French and Indians. But before much progress had been made the French and Indians, to the number of 1000 men, under Monsieur Contrecoeur appeared and secured its surrender. This occurred on the 17th of April, 1754. The French completed the fort, and named it Duquesne, in honor of the Governor-General of Canada.

Then followed the Old French War; Washington's march to "Great Meadows" and the capitulation at Fort Necessity in 1754, Braddock's march and defeat on the Monongahela in 1755, the final capture of Fort Duquesne by General Forbes and his able lieutenants, Washington, Armstrong, Boquet, and Lewis, in November, 1758. Five years later came the Pontiac Conspiracy and Boquet's victory at Bushy Run in the Denmark-Manor Valley. The Revolutionary War came in 1775 to 1783. The Crawford, the Lochry, the Harmer, and the St. Clair expeditions into the Indian country followed, all of which ended disastrously; until in 1794 General Anthony Wayne with a well disciplined army inflicted a crushing defeat upon the Indians at Fallen Timbers on the Maumee River, in what is now the State of Indiana; and after that, Indian hostilities were no longer a menace to the people of Western Pennsylvania.

The Indians were willing to receive the traders who supplied them with guns and ammunition and other things, in exchange for their furs, and to deal with them. But they were opposed to the hunters, who thinned out the game and made it more difficult for them to secure subsistence, and to the settlers, who proposed a perma-

ment occupation of the land, and a reduction of the extent of their hunting and fishing grounds. They regarded the pressing westward of the white people as an encroachment upon their rights, and were easily persuaded to join the French in attempting to expel the English and the Colonists from the Ohio valley, and afterwards, to aid the English to drive back the Americans from the same territory. The English paid a premium for scalps. The Indians carried on war in their own savage way, and they naturally kept up the conflict on their own account, long after their European allies had given up the fight.

During all this time many families from Eastern Pennsylvania, and Virginia and from England, Holland and Germany, were coming into this region and taking up farms, often without warrant of law, at other times by permission of the military commanders, and finally by regular warrant from the agents of the Penn family after the "New Purchase" in 1768, by which, the western portion of the state came into the possession of the Proprietors, through a new treaty with the Indians, as the eastern portion had been acquired by William Penn when he first took up his grant from the English King. Many of these families were murdered by the Indians, when on the War path. Men and women and children were killed and scalped, and a few, at times, were carried off to Detroit or Canada or to the Indian towns. Nearly every one has read Dr. H. M. Muhlenburg's interesting story of Regina Hartman, the captive maid, given in his "Hallische Nachrichten." The settlers defended themselves as best they could. Each man had a rifle and ammunition which he knew how to use. Blockhouses, stockades and forts were built in many communities. Some famous Indian fighters were developed. This is a paragraph from "Old Redstone" a book about these early times: "The settlers were guarded, and in fact, preserved from utter destruction by a few brave men. Brave is a term not sufficiently expressive of the boldness of the Bradys, Sprouts, Poes, Lesnets, Wetzells, Caldwells, Crawford, Williamsons, Pauls, Harrisons, and Zaneses,

who for many years encountered unheard of privations in defense of the border settlements and often carried the war successfully into the Indian country." The government organized and maintained several regiments of Continental soldiers recruited in this district, at Wheeling, Fort Pitt and Kittanning to defend the settlers. The farmers carried rifles when they gathered to cut their harvest or when they went to church, and guards were placed to give warning of danger. Many battles were fought, many massacres took place. Many Indians, also, were killed; but it has been asserted that fifty white people lost their lives for every Indian that was slain. It was only by the indomitable persistence of the white race that the country was finally entirely rescued from the savages and not only western Pennsylvania but Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana and states farther west, opened to occupation and civilization. But all that is another story.

CHAPTER IV.

THE SCOTCH-IRISH.

Among the people who came to Pennsylvania in large numbers, in early times, on the invitation of William Penn, were the Scotch-Irish, Scotch, and English, adherents of the Presbyterian Church. These three elements were closely identified and were generally spoken of by the first title. The Scotch-Irish, strictly speaking, were descendants of Scotch and English Dissenters, who had gone to Ireland to occupy the confiscated lands of the Irish who had been declared rebels in the time of Elizabeth and James I. This emigration, from Scotland and northern England to Ireland began about seventy years before the settlement of Pennsylvania, and was quite large. Later, in the time of Oliver Cromwell, additional lands were confiscated and more Scotch and English settled in Ireland. These people are known at home as Ulstermen, and they were more thrifty and intelligent than the native Irish. They were persecuted under Charles I, who tried to compel them to conform to the Church of England, and the original possessors of the land also rose against them, and they had to defend their faith and their possessions at the risk of their lives.

Many of these people came to Pennsylvania from 1700 to 1750, attracted by the fame of the Colony for religious liberty and for fertility of soil. Some settled in Philadelphia. Others went up the Lehigh River, and into Bucks and Lancaster Counties. They occupied Octarara Creek, Pequea, Donegal, Paxton, and the "York Barrens." A good many of them went into the Cumberland Valley and some pushed on farther south into the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. They formed a considerable element of the adventurous people who crossed the mountains and gradually occupied Western Pennsylvania, from 1752 to the end of the century.

Fighting was part of the religion of the Scotch-Irish, as peace was of the Quakers. They used guns instead of treaties to settle their difficulties with the Indians. Rough, vigorous and independent, they at times became disorderly as in the Whiskey Insurrection in 1792-94. They made good soldiers and were among the men who successfully defended the frontier against the Indians during the Revolution, and engaged in the campaigns of Harmer in 1790 and of St. Clair in 1791 and of Wayne in 1794 against the Indians. One of the historians of those times tells us that they held three things essential to satisfactory housekeeping, a Bible, a rifle, and a bottle of whiskey. Another says that they clothed themselves with profanity as with a garment. Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith, the author of "Old Redstone" says, on page 138, that the early Presbyterian ministers found among the people an immense amount of ignorance, ungodliness, and profanity sufficient to have appalled the stoutest heart.

After the French were expelled from Fort Duquesne, in 1758, and especially after the country was fully opened for settlement by a new treaty with the Indians, ten years later, many Scotch-Irish, Germans and others crossed the mountains. By 1775 Ligonier Valley was well occupied. The principal man here was Captain Arthur St. Clair, a Scotchman, who had served under Wolfe at Quebec and who was land-agent for the Penn family, and was the first Prothonotary of Westmoreland County, after it was established by the Legislature, Feb. 26th, 1773. Settlements were made where the Braddock road crosses the Big Sewickley, at Derry, along the Loyalhanna farther north, and at many other places in what is now Fayette, Green, Washington and Allegheny Counties. At Brush Creek and Turtle Creek were the Cabins and Blockhouses of Germans and Huguenots and Hollanders from Eastern Pennsylvania and of Germans directly from the Palatinate.

The land was found to be heavily timbered, and the winters were long and cold. The country abounded in bears, and large herds of buffalo and deer wandered

through the woods. Squirrels were abundant. Wolves were, also, numerous but very shy. Rattlesnakes and copperheads infested the country, and were almost as much dreaded as the Indians. The settlers wore hunting shirts and breachclouts and moccasins made of deer skins, after the fashion of their savage neighbors.

The Scotch-Irish being Presbyterians, the Presbyterian Church in the East began, at an early day, to send itinerant missionaries to these "Back Woods" of Pennsylvania to keep the spark of religion alive in the hearts of their dispersed sheep. Rev. Charles Beatty came west in 1755 or 1756 with troops under Dr. Franklin, and again in 1758 with the battalion under Colonel Armstrong. He was probably with the forces which, late in the year, took possession of Fort Duquesne. In 1763 the same man and a Rev. Mr. Brainard were directed to spend three months in this region, but could not on account of the Indian War. Four men who became prominent were early on the ground to remain, viz: Rev. Dr. James Power and Rev. Dr. John McMillan in 1776, Rev. Dr. Thaddeus Dod and Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith in 1779. These four pastors with some of their elders, on the 19th of September, 1781, organized the first Presbytery in Western Pennsylvania, and named it Redstone. Three years later they were joined by Revs. Dunlap, Clark and Findley. The Redstone Presbytery remained undivided for twelve years. A number of Presbyteries grew out of it.

All the congregations were rural congregations, as there were no towns. The churches were built of unhewn logs and the roofs were made of rough clapboards, upon which heavy logs and large stones were laid, to keep them in place. The preachers were revivalists, but also faithful catechists. They had received their training under men influenced by the preaching of Whitefield and the Tennants and others of similar spirit. Large numbers came together at communion time. The preachers assisted each other on these occasions. Great, stirring sermons were preached, and many conversions took place. The services were held outdoors when the church was

too small, and the weather permitted. The services were usually quite long, and when one became tired sitting or sleepy he would rise and stand until rested and wide awake. Sometimes during the delivery of the sermon one-third of the congregation would be standing. Naturally the Presbyterian Church grew strong under these conditions.

These early pastors and their successors saw the necessity of educating pious young men for the ministry, to supply the growing need of the churches. In 1782 Rev. Dod and his neighbors came together and put up a log academy building, and here in 1782 began the first classical and scientific school in the west. In the course of a year or two, James Hughes, John Brice, Robert Marshall, John Hanna, Daniel Laidley, Jacob Lindley, David Smith, and Francis Dunlavy began their studies here in English, Latin and Mathematics, and they all entered the ministry subsequently. In 1875 Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith opened a Latin school called "The Study" designed especially to train young men for the ministry. Rev. Dr. John McMillan opened a similar school at Chartiers. Washington Academy was incorporated by the Legislature on Sept. 24th, 1787, and had an endowment of 5000 acres of land. Rev. Dr. Dod became its principal in 1789. In 1806 the academy was merged into Washington College. About the year 1792 an academy was established at Cannonsburgh in Washington County which was afterwards incorporated under the name of Jefferson College. There was also much later, an academy located at Murrys ville, in Westmoreland County, called "The Laird Institute," another near Pleasant Unity, in the same County, called "The Sewickley Academy," and still another at Elders Ridge, in Armstrong County. Many other public spirited citizens besides Presbyterians, of course, joined in starting and supporting these schools. And some of the other religious bodies had schools of their own. This was a very wise movement, on the part of the Presbyterians, and resulted in raising up a ministry, willing and able to take charge of the churches in this section, and to continue the work of the pioneers.

It is not to be inferred, however, that the Presbyterians were the only people who established churches in this region in early times and looked after the religious interests of their people and others. There were many Seceder and Baptist Churches here, and these and Methodists, United Brethren, and other churches, grew up with the growth of the country. The limits of this work, however, do not permit even the briefest possible description of their efforts to make and keep this part of the country Christian.

CHAPTER V.

HARDSHIPS.

The people who came to Western Pennsylvania had to endure many hardships on the journey. At first there were no roads, as in later times. They traveled on Indian trails, of which there were a number made by parties of Aborigines, and used and kept open by traders, going west and east. Such a trail was followed by George Washington on his way to Fort Le Boeuf in 1753. This was known as "Nemacolin's Path," after the name of an Indian guide whom Washington employed. General Braddock used this path on his march west to capture Fort Duquesne, at the Forks of the Ohio, in 1755. His pioneers and axemen enlarged it to a width of twelve feet, so that the baggage wagons and artillery might be able to pass over it.

In 1758 General Forbes, with Washington, Armstrong, Boquet and Lewis, in the expedition which resulted in the capture of Fort Duquesne, followed a trail farther north, from Raystown, or Fort Bedford, through Ligonier to the Forks of the Ohio, also widening the road and making it passable for wagons and artillery. This was considerably farther north than the Braddock road, keeping on the higher ground, to avoid swamps, and to guard against the army's being ambushed by the Indians, and was followed afterwards in general by the Harrisburg and Pittsburgh Turnpike, which is now the Lincoln Highway.

There was another path still further north from Harrisburg, west. It started at Harris Ferry (now Harrisburg) passed Standing Stone (now Huntingdon) passed Old Town (now Johnstown), named after a German settler, Captain Johns, by way of the Kiskeminetas River to the Forks of the Ohio. Kiskeminetas (now Leechburg) and Frankstown, named after a German trader, Stephen

Franks, on the Juniata River, were points reached by another Indian trail, east from the Forks of the Ohio, as was also Kittanning on the Allegheny River. On a trail, from the Juniata through Cherrytree, Colonel Armstrong led his expedition to Kittanning, where he surprised the Indian chief, Captain Jacobs, and his warriors, and burnt their town.

In the beginning of 1787 commissioners were appointed by the Assembly at Harrisburg to lay out a State Highway from the Frankstown branch of the Juniata River to the Conemaugh. Their survey was approved in December of the same year. It seems to have been extended to Pittsburgh somewhat later. There is a Frankstown Avenue in Pittsburgh. In 1800 a company was chartered by the Assembly to build a road called the Harrisburg, Lewistown, Huntingdon and Pittsburgh Turnpike. It runs through New Alexandria, Delmont, Newlinsburg and Murrysville, in Westmoreland County, and is now known as the Northern Turnpike. In 1806 the Assembly began legislation which resulted finally in the construction of the Harrisburg and Pittsburgh Turnpike, running through Carlisle, Shippensburg, Chambersburg, Bedford and Greensburg. It was not yet quite completed, when, in 1819, N. P. Hacke and Henry Koch rode on horseback from Northhampton County to Greensburg and Venango County, to visit their future fields of labor. They returned east, Dr. Hacke states, over the Northern Turnpike.

These roads built by authority of the state, and, to an extent, under state supervision, were toll roads. The name turnpike was given them because at every toll-house a pole or pike was placed across the road which prevented the traveler from passing until he had paid his toll. When the toll was paid the pole or pike, which swung upon a post, was turned so that a passage was opened. Hence the road was called a turnpike. There was a toll-house about every twelve miles.

In making the Braddock and Forbes roads the trees were cut off close to the ground, to a width of twelve feet, and the gullies filled up with logs. Where not needed for that purpose the logs and tops of the trees were

rolled to the side of the road or tumbled over a hillside. No bridges were built across the streams, but fordings were sought where men and horses could cross without endangering their lives. In fact the Indians had found such fords, and the path or trail indicated them. Such was Stewart's Crossing, on the Youghiogheny River, where the town of Connellsville now stands.

Progress on these roads was necessarily slow. Braddock's army averaged but five miles a day, from Fort Cumberland to the scene of his defeat. And this is not to be wondered at when the difficulties in road making are taken into account. And neither the Braddock or Forbes or Frankstown, or any other trail was long maintained in condition for wagons. It could not be done. Both men and money were wanting. Trees fell across the path. A rank growth of sprouts sprang up about the stumps. Heavy rains washed gullies across the roads. They became unfit for travel. In a few years after the armies were withdrawn, horses could scarcely pass over them with safety, and wagons not at all, until after repairs were made.

Emigrants going from the east across the mountains either walked or traveled on horseback. Pack-saddles, made of wood and iron, were strapped to the backs of horses, and upon these the belongings of the people were carried. One man, in after years, wrote of his family's journey westward, along with nineteen other families, as follows: "Our family consisted of my parents, three young children, and a bound boy of 14. We had three horses, on one of which my mother rode, carrying her infant and all the table furniture and cooking utensils. On another were packed the stores of provisions, the plough irons and other agricultural tools. The third horse had on him a pack-saddle and two large creels made of hickory withes, in which were carried the beds and bedding, and the wearing apparel of the family, and two of the children. The tops of the creels were secured by lappings, through which the children could force their heads but not their shoulders. Each family was taking along with them one or more cows, the milk of which furnished

the morning and evening meal for the children. Some of the fathers and grown up sons, when there were any, carrying rifles, went before the main caravan, or accompanied it, spread out to the right and left, to drive away wild beasts, and shoot game for food, while others led the horses or drove and herded the cows and other cattle. They had with them sheep and pigs. At night we encamped in the open, exposed to whatever weather might prevail, the mothers being often kept awake, nearly all night, attending sick or ailing children. Arrived at our destination we selected the land for our farms and assisted one another to put up rude log huts, near a spring, and began to clear the land and prepare the soil for vegetables and corn and oats, in the spring, and for wheat and rye, in the fall. As the years passed more land was cleared, larger crops were produced, cattle increased, patches of flax were grown, the spinning wheel began to hum, the hand loom was set up in the house, and linen and woolen cloth and a mixture of the two, called linsey-woolsey, was made for the use of the family."

In those times iron had to be brought from the east on pack horses at great expense. Salt also was secured in the same way, and is known to have sold as high as \$8.00 a bushel, whilst wheat was sometimes as low as 12½ cents a bushel. In fact, for years, the price of wheat and flour did not pay for their transportation to the east. In 1784 the rates for carrying goods from Philadelphia or Baltimore to Pittsburgh was 45 shillings per hundred weight. In 1786 carriage from Philadelphia was six pence per pound. It cost from 12 to 15 dollars to carry a barrel of flour from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia. "The wagons after they were introduced were clumsy structures. The tires on the wheels were put on in pieces and the bed rested on huge bolsters. Nothing else could have stood the jolting. The road in the valleys ran through swamps and marshes, in the mountains over logs, stumps and rocks, along the sides of the hills and up and down the walls of ravines. Sometimes the wheels would fall perpendicularly two or three feet over a rock, again they would swing sideways over the washed out shale, more

than fifty yards down a precipitous hill. From the fall to the spring the roads did not have any bottom. Sticking in the mud was a common occurrence. Teams had often to be stabled while ascending the 'hogback' upon which Greensburg was built."

One wonders that men, with wives and children to guard and care for, would voluntarily subject themselves and those dependent upon them to such hardships, and especially while the hostile Indians were still often on the war-path. But families were large at that time, and the sons felt that there was not land enough in the home farms for all of them. They were used to hard labor, almost from childhood. Their fathers and mothers had crossed the ocean and hewn out homes for themselves from the primitive forests in the eastern counties of Pennsylvania. So the sons and grandsons crossed the mountains and did the same thing, in defiance of all obstacles which stood in their way. Emigration and the seeking of new homes seems to be in the blood of the human family, and it was strong in the blood of the ancestors of those who make up the membership of the Pittsburgh Synod today, and also in the blood of many of their descendents, for they in their turn moved farther west and founded Reformed Churches in the new states nearer the setting sun.

CHAPTER VI.

GERMAN EMIGRATION WESTWARD.

As already stated, the formation of the Ohio Company, in 1748, greatly stimulated emigration from the eastern part of the country west of the mountains. In a note, on page 23 of "Old Redstone" this statement is made: "Mr. Lawrence Washington, upon whom fell the chief management of the affairs of the Ohio Company after the death of Mr. Lee, its originator, conceived the very plausible plan of inviting the 'Pennsylvania Dutch' and their brethren from Germany to colonize this region . . Mr. Washington, in a letter to Mr. Hanbury of London, wrote: 'I conversed with all the Pennsylvania Dutch I met, and recommended their settling on the company lands.' "

There was, however, an obstacle in the way, which prevented this scheme from fully succeeding. According to the laws of Virginia a parish tax, for the support of the Episcopal Church, had to be paid by every occupant of a farm or home in that colony; and to this the Pennsylvania Germans, or at least many of them, objected.

But in the course of time, when Mason's and Dixon's Line was surveyed to the Ohio border, as it was in 1784, it was discovered that a large part of this western country, which had been claimed by both colonies, fell within the bounds of Pennsylvania. And, whilst the Scotch-Irish and many Scotch who were Seceders, and other people who were Baptists, and a number of Germans from east of the mountains had come into this region before 1784, they came in increasing numbers after that date.

The Germans were mainly farmers rather than traders and storekeepers and professional men. Their inability to speak English, at least fluently, also stood in the way, for a generation or two, of their taking a prominent part in public affairs.

Mr. Sidney George Fisher, the author of "The Making of Pennsylvania" has this to say about these people, and it applies to those who came to the western part of the state, almost as well as to those who remained in the east: "All classes and sects of the Germans became farmers, and in that occupation they excelled the Scotch-Irish and all other settlers in the province. They took better care of their cattle, had better fences, and often built barns and stables before they built their houses. They were good judges of land, always selected the best, and were very fond of the limestone districts. They never avoided a tract because it had on it great forest trees which would require unusual labor to remove, for they knew that a heavy growth of timber showed richness of soil. They were also shrewd enough to buy land which had already been cultivated by unskillful settlers, and were often known to grow rich on farms where their predecessors had almost starved." In this way they displaced many of the Scotch-Irish and English in Western Pennsylvania as they had done in Northampton County and in the Cumberland Valley.

"Most of the Germans," Mr. Fisher goes on to say, "hated debt, and were, as a rule, very punctual in their engagements. They worked their farms with their sons, daughters and wives, and had very few slaves. They developed a very fine breed of draft horses, called the Conestogas, from a stream near Lancaster, where they were first bred. The same name, Conestoga, was applied to their wagons, strong and solid as a fortification, and covered with a great canvas roof, like the prairie schooners of later times. Until far down into the XIX Century these wagons were one of the most typical scenes on all the highways of Eastern Pennsylvania, as, filled with chickens, turkeys, and all kinds of the best country produce, they rolled slowly toward the towns."

These Conestoga teams of heavy horses and canvas covered wagons were long used, after the turnpikes had crossed the mountains, to transport flour and other products of the western counties to the eastern cities, and groceries and dry goods to the west. Long

strings of these wagons, as well as large droves of cattle were a common sight on what is now the Lincoln Highway as well as on the other main roads connecting the east and the west, up to the time when the railroads put the turnpike temporarily out of commission.

In finding their way into the western part of the state the German settlers from the eastern counties brought their habits of industry and thrift with them. They were good judges of land and good farmers, but getting in among the Scotch-Irish and other English-speaking people, and being outnumbered by them, their peculiarities were slowly modified; and they also had an influence upon those by whose side they lived. There were many inter-marriages between those who were of German descent and those who spoke only English and the tongue of the majority speedily became the tongue of the community. The German language did not persist as it did in many of the eastern counties, where a large part of the population spoke German, and only German, for several generations. Many farmer's sons became mechanics, some of them went into business, others became school teachers or doctors or lawyers, or County and State officials. Colonel Israel Painter (or Bender) was Canal Commissioner in early times. Pennsylvania has had a number of Governors who were of German descent. The State Superintendent of Public Schools for 25 years, recently deceased, was a Pennsylvania German, educated in Reformed institutions, and a member and clergyman of the Reformed Church. Numerous County School Superintendents and Academy Principals were of German descent. There has been little German preaching in the Reformed Churches of western Pennsylvania for several generations except in a few instances, where a considerable group of Germans from the east had settled close together, or where a new emigration from the Fatherland had found homes and established a Reformed Church. There are several places in the territory of Pittsburgh Synod where this was done.

The Germans from the east settled in the Valley about Fort Ligonier, about Mt. Pleasant, in a district about

three miles south of Greensburg, where the Harrold's Church was afterwards built, about Brush Creek, and in the Denmark-Manor Valley, in Indiana County, and farther north, in Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Mercer, and Crawford Counties, where there are many churches of the faith, as presented in the Heidelberg Catechism. Not many Mennonites came to this part of the State, and of those who came, as the second generation became familiar with the English language, a large number drifted into the National Baptist Church. Most of the Pennsylvania Germans who settled in Western Pennsylvania were Reformed or Lutherans. Those here, among the earliest settlers, were continually being reinforced by others from the east joining them, and thus augmenting their number.

CHAPTER VII.

EARLY REFORMED SETTLERS—SKETCHES AND NAMES

Names of Reformed people who came into the bounds of Pittsburgh Synod among the early settlers, many of whose descendents are now members of Reformed churches in this territory.

Before going on to the contents of this chapter it might be well to quote the following paragraph from a recent book. "Many Huguenots came to Pennsylvania from the Palatinate, fleeing before the invasion of the armies of Louis XIV, when 1200 villages were ravaged and burnt in midwinter. Fearing to be recognized by the French army they destroyed their family papers and had their French names translated into German; and thus many of the 'Pennsylvania Dutch' are really of Huguenot and French descent.—"*French and Belgian Protestantism.*"—page 127.

The same book in a note gives this account of the origin of the name by which these people were known: "Huguenot is an old French word, common to the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Its application to the French Reformers is thus explained by Estienne: "The Protestants of Tours used to assemble at night near the Gate of King Hugo, whom the people regarded as a ghost. Up to this time they had been called 'Lutherans' but a monk of Tours said they should be called Huguenots, because like Hugo they went out at night. The name became generally used from the year 1560."

Dr. David Marchand, the ancestor of the prominent Marchand family in Westmoreland Co., was of French descent. His father was a Huguenot and fled from France with his family on account of religious persecution, and settled in Lancaster Co., Pa. The Doctor was for a while before coming to America, a surgeon in the French army. From Lancaster Co. he moved to Hagers-

town, and from there to Westmoreland Co., about the year 1773. He located on a farm in Millersthal, several miles south of Grapeville and Adamsburg. A fort was erected here on the Rumbaugh farm, and was called Fort Marchand. He was one of the men who urged the Coetus at Reading to send a minister to western Pennsylvania. He also advised the people of the Brush Creek settlement to apply for a patent for 182 acres of land for church and school purposes. The patent was granted in Dr. Marchand's name Nov. 14th, 1792. He made a deed to the Brush Creek churches in 1797. He is buried in the cemetery of the Brush Creek Church, of which he was a loyal supporter.

Closely associated with Dr. Marchand was John Jost Cort, or Kort, the ancestor of the Cort family of America, and also the Grosses and Kemerers. John Jost Cort came to America in 1758, when he was 21 years of age, from Siegen in Westphalia, Germany, and was of Reformed stock. He became acquainted with Dr. Marchand either on the voyage to or soon after they came to America. At Hagerstown, Md., they married two sisters by the name of Kemerer. Another sister was married to a Mr. Peter Gross. These three families, with three Kemerer brothers, came to Westmoreland County together. The Grosses sprang from Peter Gross and his wife, and the Kemerers from the three Kemerer brothers.

Peter Gross was one of the first settlers in the Brush Creek region. His son, Jesse, was an elder in the Reformed Brush Creek congregation, when the present Brush Creek church was built in 1816. The late Elder Daniel Gross of Brush Creek was a son of Jesse Gross and a grandson of Peter Gross.

Conrad Byers, an emigrant from Germany, purchased, June 3rd, 1773, 339 acres of land in Mt. Pleasant Twp., Westmoreland County, on which he built a strong log house, to which his neighbors frequently fled for shelter from the Indians. His wife was a redemptioner, named Mary Riel, whose indenture he purchased. Their sons, were Peter, Andrew and John. The land was held by John and Jacob Byers, grandsons, for many years, and

one of the farms is still held by a great-grandson, Marion M. Byers.

William Barnhart, the ancestor of the Westmoreland County Barnharts, came from Holland with his father, Casper Barnhart, in 1764, and settled on a farm in Westmoreland County, Pa., southeast of Greensburg. He helped to organize the First Reformed Church in that town, and was one of the members who partook of the first communion in 1796. He died in 1823 at the age of 77 years. His son, William Barnhart, Jr., bought a farm three miles northeast of Greensburg in 1815, which is still in the family, being owned by George S. Barnhart, a great-grandson. William Barnhart, Jr., died from an accident in 1820, at the age of 39 years. He was the father of Hon. William R. Barnhart, of Greensburg, and the grandfather of Rev. J. L. Barnhart, pastor of one of the Reformed churches of Baltimore, and of Paul S. Barnhart, Esq., of Greensburg.

The ancestor of the Kline family of Westmoreland County lived in Lancaster County and was named Peter Kline. He had three sons one of whom, John Kline, took part in the Revolutionary War under the immediate command of Washington. After a serious sickness at Valley Forge, he was transferred to the Commissary Department and was put in charge of foraging parties to collect provisions for the Continental Army. In the discharge of these duties he incurred the ill-will of some of his later tory neighbors near Millerstown, then in Lebanon County Pa. So he resolved to move to Kentucky with his wife and three children. When they came to what was known later as the Agnew farm, about four miles west of Greensburg they got into conversation with a Mrs. Painter, who lived there, and who plead with them not to go farther as the Indians had lately become hostile. They first unpacked and found shelter in the Painter springhouse, but soon bought land where the village of Adamsburg was subsequently built. John Kline was a weaver as well as a farmer, and also a conveyancer, which latter employment took him to Philadelphia occasionally. From one of these journeys he did not return. He had a son,

John, as well as other children, who married Mary Buchman of Hagerstown, Md. His son, John, married Elizabeth Knappenberger, and settled on a farm in the Manor of Denmark, in Penn Twp., Westmoreland County. They were the parents of W. J. K. Kline, M. D., of Greensburg, N. L. Kline, D. D. S., of Scottdale, and Rev. A. K. Kline, of Trafford City. John Kline had another son named Lewis, who married into the Cort family and became the father of Silas A. Kline, Esq., of Greensburg. John Kline was also the grandfather of Revs. A. C. Snyder, and H. E. Snyder, and Judge D. J. Snyder, and of Dr. Charles Snyder of Greensburg, and of Dr. William Snyder of Pittsburgh.

Henry Feightner, to whom the numerous Feightners, in the Reformed Church, in the Pittsburgh Synod, trace their origin, was born in 1752 and died in 1827. He and Jacob Holtzinger came from Germany before the Revolutionary War. They both enlisted in the "Pennsylvania Line," from Northampton County. They were in Captain Lukens' Company. Lieutenant Holtzinger was once captured by the Hessians. These two men were under General Putnam.

Henry Feightner, wife and three children, Abraham, John, and Elizabeth moved, about 1785, from Northampton County, Pa., to Westmoreland County, and settled three and a half miles south of Greensburg. The son, John, married Elizabeth, daughter of Lieut. Jacob Holtzinger, and they had seven children. Abraham, also married and had a family. Elizabeth first married a Mr. Immel, and after his death a Mr. Kimmel.

The ancestor of the Kemp family was Gerhard Kemp. He was born in Germany in 1741 and came to this country in 1768.

Andrew Byerly, whose wife was a native of the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, was given charge of a relay station with 300 acres of land at Bushy Run, near the present Harrison City, by Col. Henry Boquet, who was also from the Canton of Berne, in 1759, soon after the taking of Fort Duquesne by General Forbes. The General died in

Philadelphia a few months after his expedition to the west, and Col. Boquet became his successor.

At Byerly's station express riders from Fort Pitt to Fort Ligonier exchanged horses. Col. Boquet was a frequent guest at Byerly's. When the Pontiac War broke out the Byerlys fled to Fort Ligonier, and Andrew Byerly was with Boquet at the battle of Bushy Run. One of Andrew Byerly's sons, Jacob, the great-grandfather of Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort, was a soldier in the 13th Virginia Regiment, under Col. Gibson, which was stationed at Fort Pitt. He lived to be 99 years of age, and is buried in the Brush Creek cemetery. A large military monument marks his grave. He and his younger brother Andrew were members of the Reformed Church at Brush Creek.

The Whitehead family are of German descent. The original name was Weiskoph. During the latter half of the 17th century a German couple of that name came to America, settling in Richmond, Va. A son, Valentine was born at sea. When a mere lad he came with a company of soldiers to Fort Pitt. Later, when a young man, he located in Sewickley Twp., Westmoreland County, and still later in North Huntingdon Twp., on a farm which has remained in the family until now. Peter Whitehead, his son, born in 1796, was an elder in the Brush Creek Church for many years and for some years treasurer of Westmoreland Classis. His son, also named Peter, was born in 1830, and was Deacon, Elder, and Trustee in the Brush Creek Reformed Church for many years, and, as did his father before him, represented the charge at Classis and Synod, on many occasions. Large numbers of children were the rule in the Whitehead family. The last Peter Whitehead and his wife had ten children, all of whom lived to grow up, and were confirmed in the Brush Creek Reformed Church. Simon Peter Whitehead of Manor is a nephew, and has two sons who graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, one of whom is an attorney in Greensburg. The Whiteheads have always been liberal supporters of their church and her institutions.

A large number of Scheiblers are members of the Reformed Church. George Scheibler came from Germany in 1700, and settled in Montgomery County, Pa. His youngest son, Frederick, was born in 1763, served in the army, was captured by the British and taken to a military prison on the West India Islands, escaped and after the war, returned to his father's home. Later, he came to Hempfield twp., Westmoreland County, where he engaged in school teaching. He married Salome Leichty. He was a resident of Westmoreland County for fifty years. He died in 1843 at the age of 80 years, survived by two children, sixteen grand-children and forty-six great-grandchildren. One of his descendents was Anna Scheibler who became the wife of Rev. T. F. Stauffer, one of the superintendents of St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

Jacob Beamer, with two brothers, came to America from Switzerland about 1770 and settled near Hagerstown, Md. His son, John Beamer, settled in Westmoreland, County, Pa., many years ago, and among his descendents were Elder Henry Beamer of the Denmark-Manor, and Elder Michael Beamer of the Brush Creek and later, the Manor Station Reformed Church. One of the early Beamers donated land in Franklin Twp., Westmoreland County, Pa., upon which was erected the Beamer's or Olive Reformed Church. William J. Beamer of Manor is one of the present representatives of the Beamer family.

Three brothers by the name of Hugus, probably Hughes at first, came from France, early in the XVIII Century, and settled in Browne County, Pa., whence one of them or his descendents emigrated to Westmoreland County, Pa., where Jacob, or Jacob Paul, Hugus, was born, and where he died at the age of 83 years. He was a clock-maker by trade. He had a son, John, who was an elder in St. Paul's Reformed Church near Pleasant Unity, for many years, and he had a son, George R. Hugus, who was also an elder in St. Paul's Church. One of Jacob Hugus' daughters, Susan D. Hugus, married Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke, and another daughter, Mary Magdalena Hugus, married Rev. Henry Koch, the pioneer Reformed min-

ister of Clarion County, Pa. John Hugus married Miss Rebecca Hacke, a sister of Rev. N. P. Hacke. Daniel Hugus, another son of Jacob Hugus, was the senior member of the firm of Hugus and Hacke, drygoods merchants in Pittsburgh.

The Kunkles in the Reformed Church in Greensburg are descendents of a Mr. Jacob Kunkle who came to the United States from Germany and settled in one of the eastern counties of Pennsylvania, but afterwards lived in Westmoreland County as a farmer for some years, and then returned to the East. He left a son, who spent his life in Westmoreland County. His son, Michael, was a major in a Westmoreland County regiment. His son, Amos, married Sarah, a daughter of Jacob Kepple of Stony Springs, by whom he had eight children, among whom are John E. Kunkle, Esq., William A. Kunkle, Esq., and Mary M., wife of Joseph Robinson, of Greensburg. John E. Kunkle is an elder in the First Reformed Church of Greensburg and Superintendent of the Sunday School and President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home of the Pittsburgh Synod, located at Greenville, Pa.

The first man by the name of Waugaman, John Waugaman came from Northampton County to Westmoreland County probably about 1770, when he was a young man. He had five sons and two daughters. One of these sons, named Peter, whose wife's name was Hall, was the father of John, Peter, Uriah, Hezekiah, Asa, and Boaz Waugaman. Hezekiah Waugaman married Catherine Lauffer, and they had nine sons and four daughters. Some thirty years ago Hezekiah Waugaman and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and their children were all present except one daughter, who died early, and the parents and nine sons and three daughters, with their pastor, Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxal, sat at one table at the anniversary dinner. Rev. S. U. Waugaman is a son of Hezekiah and Catherine Waugaman, and two of his sons are graduates of the Mercersburg Academy and Franklin and Marshall College. The original John Waugaman and quite a number of his descendents are buried in the ceme-

tery connected with the Denmark Manor Reformed Church.

The Lauffers, of whom there are a great many in Pennsylvania lived in the Rhine country, from which they were scattered by French invasions and cruelties. There is a Lauffer Street, Gate, and Clocktower in Nuremburg. Near Strassburg there is a village of 400 inhabitants named Lauffer. Among emigrants coming to America in 1751, as learned from official records, were Michael, Michael J., Mathias, Christian, and John Lauffer. In 1771, Christian Lauffer bought 40 acres of land in Northampton County. He came to Westmoreland County in 1774, and is the ancestor of the Westmoreland County Lauffers. He was born about 1730 and died about 1800, and was the father of eleven children. Among his descendants was John Lauffer of Harrison City, who died Jan. 14th, 1904, aged 100 years, 11 months and 19 days; Rev. Frank E. Lauffer, Ph. D., Charles A. Lauffer, A. M., M. D., a distinguished physician of Pittsburgh, and H. A. Lauffer, president of a bank in Jeannette. The Lauffers are of the Reformed faith.

The above sketches are but specimens of what might be written of prominent names in the Reformed Church, and families who make up the membership of the congregations in Western Pennsylvania, had full family and church records been made and preserved. But they were not, and in most cases it is impossible to tell at what date the ancestors of most of our people left Europe, or when the representatives of any particular family came to this section of the church, or whether there was one person or two brothers or three brothers. There seems to be a tradition in many families that there were three brothers possibly psychologically based on the fact that Noah had three sons, whose descendants peopled the earth, after the flood. In fact there is a story that three brothers by the name of Klein came to Pennsylvania from Germany in early times, one of whom translated his name into Little, another became Small, and the third kept the name Klein. We have a host of Littles, and Smalls and Kleins, all of German origin, and all, accord-

ing to this story, descended from these three brothers. The Klines and Clines in this district may also be descendants of these brothers.

It is also the fact that in a book like this it would be impossible to give even an eight or ten line sketch of every prominent family in the constituency of the Pittsburgh Synod, were the information at hand upon which to draw for such sketches. But the following list of names is given as among those common in the Reformed congregations in this section, many of which go back to early times. But it is not claimed that the list is at all complete. Some of these names are not German, which shows that people of other nationalities also early became identified with the Reformed Church.

Adams, Albert, Alleman, Alshouse, Alt, Ament, Armagost, Arner, Asch, Ashbaugh, Aurand; Bachman, Baer, Bair, Baker, Bargerstock, Barnhart, Bartholomew, Basore, Bauerschmidt, Baum, Baumer, Beam, Beamer, Bean, Beck, Benn, Bieghley, Biehler, Bigle, Blakely, Beishouse, Beitler, Bender, Berlin, Best, Biesecker, Bittenbender, Blumer, Bortz, Bousch, Bowling, Bowman, Boyer, Brant, Brendle, Brinker, Brown, Brubaker, Bucheit, Burger, Bushyager, Byerly, Byers; Christman, Chorpennig, Cort, Coleman, Countryman, Clue, Craft, Cribbs, Coghenour, Crick, Crissinger, Crock, Croushore, Crum; Dannenfels, Daniel, Datz, Daubenspeck, Davis, Dell, Delo, Delp, Dengler, Diechman, Dieffenbacher, Dieffenderfer, Diehl, Doverspike, Drexler, Drum; Eberhart, Edmonds, Ehr Gott, Eichbaum, Eisaman, Engle, Erret, Everett, Ellenberger; Fahringer, Felgar, Fennel, Fisher, Flick, Fleiger, Foch, Fogle, Foight, Foust, Fox, Frantz, Frei, Frey, Fritz, Fulmer; Garner, Geier, George, Glatfelty, Glessner, Glunt, Good, Goodlin, Goodman, Graff, Gress, Grim, Grindlesperger, Gross, Guntrum; Haag, Hahn, Hale, HandsheW, Hamm, Hartman, Hartzell, Hawn, Hawk, Hay, Hecker, Heeter, Heile, Heins, Henry, Hepler, Herschberger, Hess, Hetrick, Hershey, Hicks, Highberger, Hill, Hillegas, Hilliard, Hoffman, Horner, Horning, Huber, Hugus; Jemison, Johnson; Kaster, Kaufer, Keef-er, Keener, Kegg, Keifer, Keihl, Keil, Keim, Kemerer,

Kemp, Kern, Kerschner, Kimmel, King, Kistler, Kline, Klingensmith, Klinger, Knappenberger, Knecht, Knight, Knepper, Knoble, Knorr, Koehler, Koenig, Krick, Kuhns, Kunkle, Lauffer, Laver, Leighty, Lehart, Leppley, Lobach, Lohengeier, Long, Lorah, Lorentz, Lott, Loughner, Lowe; Marchand, Martz, Master, Mays, Meals, Mehrwein, Meyers, Miller, Moesta, Mohney, Mong, Moore, Mowry, Moyer, Musser; Naly, Neely, Neleigh, Negly, Nicely, Nolf; Ogden, Otto, Otting; Painter, Perkins, Peterman, Philips, Piper, Polliard, Pontius, Poole, Poorbaugh, Poorman, Poschman; Reamer, Rearich, Reefer, Reimer, Reimold, Reiter, Reitz, Remsburg, Riegel, Riegelman, Riegert, Ritz, Rhodes, Rodemoyer, Root, Rosensteel, Ruhlman, Rumbaugh, Rumeiser, Rupert, Ruprecht; Sandles, Saxman, Schaeffer, Schaener, Scheibler, Schick, Scherer, Schmertz, Schoch, Schoup, Schmethers, Schreckengost, Schucker, Schlabbig, Schweitzer, Seiple, Siebert, Siegfried, Siegrist, Sigworth, Sing, Siveling, Shannon, Shirey, Schrum, Shupe, Shoemaker, Slaughenhaupt, Smail, Smith, Snyder, Snair, Stahl, Stahlsmith, Stauffer, Steinman, Stoyer, Stopp, Swope; Texter, Thomas, Troutman, Truby, Truxal, Turney; Utzinger; Vensel, Voigt; Walter, Walthour, Walton, Wasser, Waugaman, Weaver, Weber, Weil, Weller, Weible, Weitzel, Welty, Wentling, Wentzel, Werner, Whitehead, Whitmore, Wiant, Wiester, Will, Willhelm, Wingard, Williams; Yockey, Yeany, Yingling; Zeigler, Zimmerman, Zimmers, Zumpstein.

CHAPTER VIII

CHURCH BEGINNINGS

The first Reformed minister who is known to have held divine services in Western Pennsylvania was Rev. John Conrad Bucher. He was born in the district of Neukirch in the Canton of Schaufhausen, Switzerland, June 30th, 1730. He was educated for the ministry, and took the highest honors in the schools which he attended. He was also inclined to a soldier's life, and at the age of 25 entered the military service of Holland, and later, that of England. He was Captain and Adjutant in a Pennsylvania regiment of foot in 1764, and was with Col. Boquet in that year. About the year 1762 he was also inducted into the ministry. He preached at Forts Bedford, Redstone, Ligonier, Pitt, and other places, at least occasionally, from 1764 to 1768. From this time to the end of his life, in 1780, he served many congregations in the Cumberland and Lebanon valleys. He may be said to have laid the foundations of the Reformed Church in the region now covered by the Pittsburgh Synod.

The people were then visited from time to time by traveling missionaries who were sent by the Coetus to preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments to the scattered sheep of the Reformed household of faith in the south and west. It is known that Rev. Isaac Gerhart, during his theological studies, which closed in 1813, spent 3 months in missionary work in Western Pennsylvania. Others before and after his time did the same thing. In the absence of an ordained minister the school teachers often conducted divine service, reading prayers from their prayerbooks and sermons from sermon books, and leading the people in singing. The school teacher also, in some places, baptized the children. Balthasar Myer, a German schoolmaster, started the first Congregational

Record of Harrolds Church, near Greensburg, begun in 1771, in which he gives the names of children baptized by himself. The first Baptism recorded is that of Peter, son of Anthony and Elizabeth Walter, born Sept. 11th, 1771; baptized Aug. 2nd, 1772. There is also an old Church Record belonging to the Reformed Congregation in Berlin, Somerset County, Pa., on the title page of which is this sentence: "Church Book of both the Evangelical Lutheran and the Evangelical Reformed Congregations in the Glades, Brothers' Valley Township, Bedford County, Province of Pa.—written in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ, 1777." The following minute is found in this book: "Both congregations resolved together to build a decent schoolhouse where their children may be instructed in the word and grace of God, where also from time to time service may be held, at which the school-teacher, or, if there should be none, some member of either congregation, shall read prayers, as well as a sermon and where also sermons may be preached and the Holy Sacraments administered by visiting ministers in regular connection with the very Reverend Coetus of the Reformed and Ministerium of the Lutheran Church."

The first baptismal entry in this Record is dated Oct. 9th, 1777. The child baptized was Sophia, a daughter of Heinrich Glessner, born March 7th, 1777. Sixteen others were baptized on the same day; and from the 10th to the 15th of October twenty-six more were baptized. The next entry was made on Sept. 30, 1779. It is to be regretted that the names of the visiting ministers who administered these baptisms, are not given. It is altogether likely that these traveling preachers or some of them, extended their journeys into other sections of this territory. But there seems to be no account anywhere of their having done so. In fact, no other Church Book, except the two mentioned, goes back further than 1782.

The Coetus which convened in Reading in May, 1782, received a request from the people of Western Pennsylvania for a minister to settle permanently among them.

John William Weber had come from Germany to America as a school teacher in 1764, and was ordained to the ministry in 1772, and for a time served congregations in Northampton County. Some of his relatives had gone to Western Pennsylvania, and he expressed an inclination to respond to this call and was appointed to do so. In the minutes of Coetus for 1782 is found this entry: "A congregation in Westmoreland County, a district near Pittsburgh, in Pennsylvania, a new settlement, where there was no German minister heretofore, very earnestly petitioned for an able minister, whom it promised eighty pounds annually, together with other necessities of life. Since Mr. Weber showed an inclination for this congregation, the Reverend Coetus resolved to recommend him, so that he may receive a regular call to the place."

In a document drawn up by Mr. Weber in March, 1814, he gives the following history: "In the year 1782, I was sent by Coetus to Westmoreland County, Pa., to visit the congregations there and privilege was given me to become their pastor if they should call me. I arrived on the ground in September of that year; preached in all the congregations in Westmoreland County, Pa., on to Pittsburgh, and afterwards in Washington and Fayette Counties, returning again to Westmoreland County on the 14th of October. Four men, as Elders and Deacons, came to me in the house of Mr. Thomas, and requested me to accept a call to come and labor among them. . . . They offered me 116 pounds in money, one hundred bushels of wheat, a free house, and firewood, annually."

Mr. Weber accepted this call, and the next spring a Mr. Fiskeys, from the neighborhood of Pleasant Unity, went with a team to Northampton County to move him and his family to the West, and he became the first settled Reformed pastor west of the Allegheny Mountains. It seems, however, that the people, in their enthusiasm over getting a regular pastor, promised him more salary than they were, morally or financially, able to pay. In the brief account of his life, quoted from above, Mr. Weber says that the temporal contract was never alto-

gether fulfilled. No suitable house could be found for him, and so, after some time, he bought a farm on Sewickley Creek and lived upon it the remainder of his lifetime. He was twice married, the first time in 1767 to Maria Agnes Born, a native of Baden-Baden, Germany, who died in 1784, the second time to Anna Maria Robinson. He had, in all, eighteen children. It seems to have been considered the proper thing in those days, in this part of the country, for the minister to have a farm. The early Presbyterian pastors, and some of the Lutheran pastors also had farms. While the husband and father was attending to the duties of his calling, and was often absent on long pastoral and preaching trips, his wife and children would earn part of the living of the family by cultivating the soil.

Rev. Mr. Weber had not only charge of the four congregations which called him as their pastor, but he made frequent missionary journeys into Fayette, Somerset, Washington, Allegheny, Armstrong, Indiana, Butler, Clarion, and Crawford Counties, or into the territory afterwards organized into these counties, to preach the gospel, baptize the children, instruct and confirm the youths, and administer the communion. In fact all of the "Back Parts of Pennsylvania," that is, all of the state west of the Allegheny mountains, seems to have been included in his field of labor. In these journeys he carried a rifle to defend himself against the Indians and wild animals, and preached in school-houses and log cabins, or in the open air. People went long distances to divine service in those days. Many young people came and remained with friends near the churches for months, to attend catechetical instruction, and only returned to their homes after the confirmation and communion were over. Most of them, no doubt, spoke only the German language and needed to be taught in that tongue. Rev. Weber is said to have been the pastor of the Berlin congregation in 1788, although, owing to his distance from the place and his large field of labor, he was unable properly to discharge the duties of the office here. He also preached, about that time, in other parts

of Somerset County, and probably organized the congregation at Salisbury.

Rev. Mr. Weber preached at Harrolds, Brush Creek, St. Pauls, near Pleasant Unity, St. Johns or Kintigs, near Mt. Pleasant, and also in Pittsburgh for 12 years pretty regularly, and at a number of other places at long intervals until July, 1816, when he was called to his reward. He was buried in the Milliron graveyard, about five miles south of Greensburg, where the Reformed Church once had a house of worship and still has a farm of 75½ acres. There was a small congregation here at one time, an offspring largely of the Harrold's congregation, to which most of the members finally returned. His grave was unmarked for many years, but finally a monument, made of Peterhead Granite, was erected over his remains, at an expense of 450 dollars. It was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies on the 20th of June, 1874. The committee to bring this about consisted of Rev. J. W. Love, Rev. Dr. N. P. Hacke, and Elder John Truxal. The services were held in the old log church near the graveyard. The trustees of this property are appointed by the Court of Westmoreland County, and are at present members of the Seanors congregation.

In 1796 a congregation was organized in Greensburg under Father Weber's administration, by people worshipping up to this time at Harrold's and other places. In 1808 the people in the Denmark Manor valley came together and organized a congregation and soon afterwards built a church. The Emmanuels, or Hills congregation came into existence in 1828. These were Union or Reformed and Lutheran Churches. The Reformed people from as far north as the Kiskeminetas River, at first traveled all the way to Brush Creek, and later to Manor church, to attend divine service.

In 1788 a man by the name of Cyriacus Spangenberg, who had been a Hessian soldier in the Revolutionary War, and who had sought ordination in vain from the Reformed Coetus in 1783, and again in 1784, and who was finally ordained by an independent preacher by the name of Jacob Michael, came to Berlin and took charge

in an irregular way of the church. He preached here and at Bedford, Salisbury, and probably at other places until 1794, when at a congregational meeting he murdered one of the elders, a Mr. Glessner, by plunging a knife into his heart. For this crime Mr. Spangenberg was hanged at Bedford on October 10th, 1795. This was a severe blow to the Reformed Church in Somerset County.

After Spangenberg came Rev. Henry Giesey, who labored in the county of Somerset, the only Reformed minister there, for 23 years. He was born in Lichtenau, Saxony, Germany, April 13, 1757, was thoroughly educated for the ministry in a gymnasium at Heresfeld and in the University of Marbourg. He came to America in 1776, was ordained in 1782, and after laboring for 12 years in Loudon County, Virginia, came to Berlin in 1794. His first baptismal entry bears date April 26th, 1795. He preached at Bedford, Berlin, and Salisbury, and made missionary journeys into Fayette and Westmoreland Counties. He organized churches at Somerset, Centreville, Stoystown, Wellersburg, Levansville and Stony Creek, between 1796 and 1800. He used the Heidleberg Catechism and observed the church festivals. He was very much opposed to the introduction of English in divine service. Father Giesey gave up the active duties of the ministry in 1833, and died in 1845, in the 88th year of his age. His body lies buried just a few rods from the doors of the Reformed Church in Berlin.

A Rev. J. H. Kieffer, who was also a doctor, preached to some of these congregations from about 1818 or 1820 to 1825 or 1826, but eventually went back to the practice of medicine because it was more remunerative. In 1827-1828 Rev. H. E. F. Voigt was pastor of the Wellersberg and of the Bedford and two other congregations. From here he went to Ohio for about four years, and then settled in Westmoreland County, Pa.

In 1831 Rev. Herman G. Ibbaken, a native of Oldenberg, Germany, a pious and learned man, took charge of a number of the congregations previously served by Father Giesey, and others. He was pastor of the Somer-

set charge, consisting of from 7 to 10 congregations, until his death in 1844. He was an excellent man, beloved by all who knew him, and accomplished much for the Reformed church in Somerset County, but he was never able to conduct service in the English language, which fact was somewhat of a hindrance to his usefulness. There should have been some English preaching in the town of Somerset and throughout the County, from about the year 1820.

A Rev. Jacob Siegmund Regnier served the Berlin charge—the Berlin, Salisbury and Stoystown congregations—from Nov. 3rd, 1833, for about a year. He was succeeded by Rev. Solomon R. Denius, who labored in Berlin and the neighboring congregations for six years. He was scholarly and had a well balanced mind, having studied under Rev. Dr. C. L. Becker of Baltimore and Rev. Jacob Geiger of Manchester, Md., for over seven years. At Berlin he confirmed 130 members and baptized over 100 children. He introduced the English language in the services in Berlin. At the close of his pastorate here he went west and served several charges dying at the age of 80 years.

Rev. William Conrad, who graduated at the Seminary at York in 1835 became pastor the same year of the Salisbury and Grantsville and neighboring congregations. In 1841 he became pastor of the Berlin charge where he labored until 1859, a period of 18 years. He served the Beam charge for three years, until September, 1862, when he retired, dying in Berlin in 1865, at the age of 56 years. He was animated by a missionary spirit and was abundant in labors.

While the changes mentioned were taking place in what is now Somerset Classis, history was being made also in other parts of the church in this section. After the death of Rev. John William Weber, Rev. Henry N. B. Habliston, who had studied under Rev. Christian Ludwig Becker, D. D. in Baltimore, served Rev. Weber's congregations from 1816 to 1819. During this pastorate new life was infused into the several congregations. Many young people were confirmed and large additions

were made to the membership. After a successful but brief pastorate, Rev. Habliston withdrew and moved farther west.

Soon after Rev. Mr. Habliston went to Greensburg, another of Dr. Becker's students, Rev. William Weinel, who had been licensed to preach by the Synod at Easton in 1815, and ordered to go as a missionary to North Carolina, somehow drifted to Western Pennsylvania. During the next meeting of Synod at New Holland in 1816, a letter was read purporting to be a call to Mr. Weinel from congregations in Westmoreland County. Mr. Weinel's course was not entirely approved of, but he was permitted to minister to these Westmoreland congregations. He was ordained at a meeting of Synod in 1819 at Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. Weinel served congregations at Mt. Pleasant, Schwab's, Kindig's, Ligonier Valley, Muehleison's, Zehner's, Yockey's, and Boehmer's. The charge was changed from time to time. He lived at one time on the church farm at Muehleison's, and later on a farm near Leechburg. He also served congregations in Armstrong County namely: Zion's, Franze's, and Eisaman's, and Hill's in Westmoreland County. He labored up to 1854 and died Jan. 28th, 1865, aged 84 years and one day.

Father Weinel's education was somewhat limited and his qualifications for the ministry somewhat defective; but he could use the training he had and the knowledge he possessed to very good advantage. He had a strong and musical voice, which did him great service, both in the pulpit and in leading the singing of the congregation. His health was excellent. There was no end to his endurance of bad weather and work. He was very plain in his habits and dress. Strangers took him for a tiller of the soil rather than a minister of the gospel. He was fond of riding fast and cracking a whip. Often when riding through the woods he would sing with a clear loud voice. His address was not the most polished, but there was not lacking a kind and generous heart beneath the somewhat rough exterior. His memory was long held in grateful esteem by the people whom he faithfully

served in the gospel and by others who enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Between the withdrawal of Rev. Weinel and the coming of Rev. Voigt, a Rev. Adam Beyer, or Bayer, served the congregations about Mt. Pleasant for a year or more, and there is also mention made of a Rev. C. Zwidler, who according to the records held two communions at Schwab's or Zion's Church in 1829.

Rev. Mr. Aurant went to Huntington County in 1803-4. It is said that he preached also in Washington and Allegheny Counties. Rev. Mr. Mahnenschmidt preached in Washington County, 1806-1812. The Germans in Washington County, however, seem to have been too few in number to maintain congregations permanently. Mr. Mahnenschmidt also from Ohio, later, visited Northwestern Pennsylvania, especially Mercer County, occasionally. In 1811, he went to the Synod for license. He had been preaching, and baptizing without license up to this time. He was then licensed as a catechist. In 1812 he was licensed to preach and in 1817 was ordained.

In 1813 the Synod ordered that all licentiates before accepting a congregation should make missionary tours for two or three months under the direction of Synod, and that all pastors should take up collections to pay the traveling expenses of these missionaries. Isaac Gerhart as mentioned before, during his theological studies in Philadelphia which closed in 1813, spent three months in missionary work in Western Pennsylvania.

In October, 1819, Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke, another of Dr. Becker's students, came to Greensburg and assumed the pastorate of what came to be called the 1st Greensburg charge, in which he continued until October, 1877, a period of 58 years. This was a remarkable pastorate and Dr. Hacke was a remarkable man. He was born in Baltimore, but was sent at an early age to Germany for his preparatory schooling, and later studied under Dr. Christian Ludwig Becker, and after his death, under his son Rev. Dr. J. C. Becker. He became a minister when he was 19 years old, and conducted service, of course, at first exclusively in German, but

twenty years before his death he introduced English. He was a fine christian gentleman, well educated, one of the leading citizens of Greensburg and Westmoreland County, the equal of the best ministers, lawyers, doctors, and business men, by whom he was surrounded. He was a fine preacher and pastor, and the congregations prospered greatly under his ministry.

Rev. Henry Earnest Frederick Voigt was the son of a Reformed minister in Germany. He received a university education. He came to America in 1826 and settled at Mt. Pleasant in 1833, and became pastor of a large number of small congregations having at one time as high as eleven preaching points. He retired from the ministry in 1864, but preached German occasionally for his successors until shortly before his death, which occurred on the 14th of January, 1875.

In course of time several preaching points were given up and several small congregations became extinct, such as: Milliron, Donegal, Indian Creek, Barren Run, and the Forks, but these losses were made up, more than ten times over, by new congregations, some of them, organized in new towns, such as: The Second and Third Greensburg churches, Irwin, Latrobe, Manor Station, Harrison City, Larimer, Jeannette, Trafford City, Grace, St. Marks Memorial, St. Paul's, Church of the Ascension, and Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Trinity Church, Wilksburg, Trinity Church, New Kensington, Calvary, Turtle Creek, First Church, Homestead, Grace Church, Duquesne, First Church, McKeesport, First Church, Pitcairn, Churches in Greenville, Butler, Johnstown, Kittanning, Evans City, Zelienople, Apollo, Vandergrift, Cumberland, Dubois, and a number of other places. The ministers also multiplied as the membership increased and as more congregations were organized. In 1783 there was but one settled minister, Rev. John William Weber, in this whole territory. In 1843, sixty years later, there were ten, namely: Revs. N. P. Hacke, William Conrad, H. G. Ibbeken, William Weinell, H. E. F. Voigt, H. Knepper, H. Koch, G. Leidy, P. Zeiser, and J. Althouse. And now sixty years later still, there are 111.

Many of the early settlers of what is now Clarion and

neighboring counties were Germans from Lehigh, Berks, Bucks, Montgomery, Lancaster, and Northampton counties, east of the mountains, and from Germany and Switzerland and were members of the Reformed and Lutheran Churches. Rev. John William Weber, who located in Westmoreland County in 1882 visited these people occasionally and preached for them and baptized their children. Rev. William Weinel also, who came to Westmoreland County in 1815, and Rev. Henry Habliston, who came in 1816, made missionary journeys to this part of the country. In the fall of 1819, Rev. Henry Koch, who was a young man fresh from Rev. Dr. Jacob Christian Becker's private theological school in Northampton County, located in Clarion County and organized a congregation in Beaver Township, named St. Paul's in 1820, St. John's near Curllsville, about the same time, and later the St. Peter's congregation at St. Petersburg, the Salem congregation in Limestone township, and the Jerusalem congregation at Rimersburg. In 1845 Rev. Koch died and Rev. Henry Hoffman succeeded him. He organized the Salem congregation in Salem township. In 1846 Rev. L. D. Leberman came west and took charge of the congregations south of the Clarion River, and organized additional congregations at Mt. Zion, north of Callensburg, at Squirrel Hill and at Shannondale and several in Jefferson and Armstrong Counties. In 1848 Rev. George Wolf entered the field and took part of Rev. Leberman's charge, and served until 1853.

About the year 1822 some families from Northampton, Lehigh, Berks, and other eastern Counties settled in Venango, Mercer and Crawford counties. There were no churches within 40 or 50 miles of them. Revs. Mahnenschmidt and Sonendecker, who were located in Trumbull County, Ohio, visited these people, occasionally, preaching at a place called Zions in Wolfcreek township, in Mercer County, eight miles south of the town of Mercer and at another place called Good Hope, two miles southwest of Greenville. The children were baptized and the young people catechised and the Lord's Supper was administered by them.

In 1825 Rev. Philip Zeiser came to Mercer County and organized the people at Zions and at Good Hope into congregations and also a third congregation at Conneaut Lake, in Crawford County. The next year, 1826, a congregation was organized in Meadville, made up mostly of European Germans. These congregations, embracing a territory of 52 miles in length, with about 75 communicant members constituted Rev. Zeiser's field of labor until the year 1829. In 1830 the Reichels congregation in Crawford County, came into existence, and in 1831 the Jerusalem congregation in Hickory Township Mercer County, was added to the charge. In 1837 Christ's Church on "German Hill" six miles south of Meadville, made up of European Germans, was organized. In the same year St. John's, halfway between Greenville and Mercer, and in 1843 another, named Salem, in Salem Township, Mercer County, came into existence. Rev. Zeiser thus organized 10 congregations in 18 years. The congregations were small and the membership poor in worldly goods. In 1832 a Rev. William Schultz, a Lutheran preacher, organized a Lutheran and Reformed congregation in Saegertown, of which Rev. Zeiser also became pastor in 1833.

In 1843 Rev. Benjamin Boyer accepted a call to Saegertown, Reichels, Meadville, and a new point known as Watson Run. Rev. Zeiser continued to serve the rest of the charge until 1848 when failing health compelled his resignation. At this time Rev. Boyer resigned and was succeeded in the Saegertown charge by Rev. D. B. Ernst, whilst he became pastor of the Mercer County congregations until 1853 when he was succeeded by Rev. Frederick Wahl, who served here until 1856, when Rev. Henry F. Hartman became pastor. The churches flourished under Rev. Hartman's labors, new congregations were organized at Greenville and New Hamburg, and the Salem congregation on the Mercer and Butler pike was revived, and the Mercer Mission constituted, with Rev. D. D. Lehman as pastor.

Such in brief were the beginnings of the Reformed church in the territory of the Pittsburgh Synod.

CHAPTER IX.

THE PIONEERS.

REV. JOHN WILLIAM WEBER

The first settled Reformed minister in Western Pennsylvania was Rev. John William Weber.

Mr. Weber was born in the province of Wittgenstein, Germany, March 5th, 1735. He was a school-teacher in his native land. He came to America in 1764. He was married, October 5th, 1767, in Falkner Swamp, Montgomery County, Pa., to Maria Agnes Born, a native of Baden-Baden, Germany. She died July 25, 1784. Afterwards Mr. Weber married Anna Maria Robinson. He had eighteen children.

Coming to this country, he also engaged in school teaching for some years. There was a great dearth of ministers at that time; and in many places the school teacher gathered the people together on the Lord's day and read the bible, led in singing and prayer and read them a sermon, in other words, conducted religious service. In some places he even baptized the children. In a number of cases these pious school teachers, after such experiences for some years, entered the ministry regularly, being licensed, first as catechists, then to preach, and finally licensed and ordained as regular ministers of the gospel.

In the letters of Coetus to Holland for 1771, this paragraph appears: "In this connection we must also inform the Reverend Fathers that another man, also a schoolmaster, by the name of Weber, appeared before the Reverend Coetus and requested to be examined in divine truth, and, if found capable and sound in doctrine, to be allowed to supply with preaching and catechization those congregations that are without ministers and where such supply is necessary. After Mr. Weber had been examined by the Reverend Coetus and had given satisfaction, it was resolved in regard to him, as also with regard to

Mr. Steiner, to allow him to preach and catechize in congregations where it is necessary, but at present to hold out to him no hope of ordination. He shall also be under the supervision of the nearest ministers, who shall carefully watch his doctrine, life, and conduct. Whatever else shall be done with regard to Mr. Weber, we expect to learn from the Reverend Fathers."

The church in America was then under the jurisdiction of the church in Holland, to which annual reports were sent, and the above is an extract from the report for 1771.

The report for 1772 contains this: "The brethren Wack, Weber, Neveling, Wagner, and Steiner, who were examined last year by the Coetus held in Reading, appeared and, partly themselves, partly their congregations which they served thus far, petitioned Coetus for ordination. At first they were put off with hopes for next year, since by that time we expect an answer from the Reverend Fathers in regard to them. However, on account of the earnest petition of their congregations and the representation of their great need, that, although they had a minister in their midst, yet at baptism and other ministerial acts they were obliged to look elsewhere for an ordained minister, and thus were only supplied with preaching, and concerning the administration of the Sacraments they must still be regarded as vacant, therefore the Reverend Coetus finally resolved to proceed as follows:

"Resolved: The brethren named above (according to the resolution passed in 1771 at the Coetus held in Reading) shall once more be examined, peremptorily. The place where this shall be done shall be at the home of the President, Do. Faber. Dos. Wayburg, Faber, Gross, and Pomp were chosen as examiners. If the result shall be satisfactory to the examiners, the ordination shall take place."

In the Coetal letter sent to Holland in 1774, this passage occurs: "You will no doubt remember that the candidates Neveling, Wack, Wagner, Steiner, and Weber,

after having passed the examination, were received into the holy ministry."

The Fathers in Holland expressed their disapproval of the admission of these candidates into the ministry by the Coetus, without first obtaining their consent. But later they modified their action, for in the Coetal letter of 1775 we find this sentence: "Your Reverences prove, first of all, your continued affection, in that you have not entirely disapproved of our proceedings concerning the reception of the five candidates, Dos. Neveling, Wack, Wagner, Steiner, and Weber, into the holy ministry. Urgent necessity compelled us to take this step."

It might be said here, in passing, that the Holland Fathers insisted that the Coetus should not ordain men to the ministry without first submitting each case to them. For years the Coetus did that. But afterwards, from time to time, transgressed the rule, and finally in 1793 ceased to report its proceedings to the Fathers across the ocean; and so, from that time forward, became an independent church, and met in Synod, with full legislative power, instead of as a Coetus, that word meaning Conference.

Soon after his ordination, obtained with difficulty and delay, Rev. Weber located among some destitute congregations near the Wind Gap in Northampton County. In the minutes of 1776 he is reported as pastor in Plainfield, Greenwich, Hanolden, Hamilton, and Mount Bethel, and having under his pastoral care 120 families, and 50 pupils and as having baptized 50 and confirmed 15. It was resolved that Rev. Weber should remain with these congregations as long as they give him the necessary support. In the minutes of 1782 he is reported as pastor of Plainfield and Hamilton, and as having 65 families, and one school and 40 pupils, and as having baptized 25 and confirmed one. Several congregations had apparently been detached from his charge.

Mr. Shoepf, a German traveler in America, relates that in August, 1782, he went from Philadelphia to the Wyoming Valley and that he remained over night two miles north of Wind Gap, and passed several farms occupied

by Germans and a small log church which had been built by Lutherans and German Reformed; and that a Rev. Weber had last served this congregation; but that he lost the affection of the people, because he preached too much about the war, that they withdrew their support from him and he was under the necessity to leave, and that he had gone to Pittsburgh.

The Coetus met in Reading in May, 1782; and in the minutes of that year it is recorded: "A congregation in Westmoreland County, near Pittsburgh, a new settlement where there was no German minister heretofore, very earnestly petitioned for an able minister, whom it promised eighty pounds annually, together with other necessities of life. Since Mr. Weber showed an inclination for this congregation, the Reverend Coetus resolved to recommend him, so that he may receive a regular call to the place."

In a letter to the present writer, dated Nov. 24, 1876, Dr. Hacke wrote of the St. Paul's Congregation, near Pleasant Unity, in Westmoreland County: "The first church in which the congregation worshipped was built upon the farm formerly owned by Casper Weaver, a relative of Rev. Weber; the largest number of Reformed members, principally from Northampton County, where Rev. Weber preached in the first years of his ministry, resided in this neighborhood; the so-called Sewickley settlement was at an early day very German; Rev. Weber soon after his arrival in these parts, is known to have held catechisation in the vicinity of the first and second churches; and, lastly, a Mr. Fiskeys, from this neighborhood, was sent with a team to Northampton County, to move Rev. Weber to Westmoreland County." These facts were given by Dr. Hacke to explain why he believed that St. Paul's was one of the four congregations which called Rev. Weber to this field. But several of them would also account for the fact stated in the quotation from the Coetal minutes, that Rev. Weber showed an inclination to this field of labor. His relatives and former members in Westmoreland County may have com-

municated with him before application was made to the Coetus to send them a minister.

In a document drawn up by Rev. Weber near the close of his life, dated March 28th, 1814, he gives an account of his removal to Westmoreland County, from which it is thought well to quote the following sentences:

“In the year 1782 I was sent by Coetus to Westmoreland County, Pa., to visit the congregations there; and privilege was given me to become their pastor if they should call me. I arrived on the ground in September of that year, preached in all the congregations in Westmoreland County, Pa., on to Pittsburgh, and afterwards in Washington and Fayette Counties, returning again to Westmoreland County on the 14th of October. Four men, as Elders and Deacons, came to see me in the house of Mr. Thomas, and requested me to accept a call to come and labor among them. I believed sincerely that it was my duty to accept their call, and remove to them, with my family. The question then arose: how much salary was necessary to support me? I told them they knew best what would be required in the circumstances. Whereupon they consulted together, returned to me, and offered me 116 pounds in money, one hundred bushels of wheat, a free house, and firewood, annually. In the beginning of June, 1783, I removed with my family to Westmoreland County.”

Rev. Weber first moved into an old house rented for him by a Mr. Gerhart Thomas, which was so open and exposed as to cause the family considerable hardship during the following winter. Then he bought a farm, for which he went considerably in debt. The first payment was 100 pounds, of which he had to borrow 60. He does not state what the whole price of the farm was, but says that his salary was not paid according to promise, and that 18 years passed before he was out of debt, that he rode from 40 to 50 miles to preach to destitute congregations on week days with a view of increasing his income, that he might get out of debt, and when at

home, labored with his children to maintain his family from the land.

When Mr. Weber first arrived in these parts he served regularly four congregations, one in Pittsburgh, two in Hempfield Township, Brush Creek and Harrolds, and one in Mt. Pleasant Township. In the Coetal minutes for 1783 there is this entry: "Do. Weber took charge of the congregations which called him at the last Coetus, namely, Fort Pitt, Hantown, Hempfield and Mt. Pleasant, in Westmoreland County, State of Pennsylvania. Dr. Harbaugh translates Hantown, Hantolon.

Rev. Weber was actuated by a laudable desire to build up the church, as well as to pay the debt resting on his farm, and for this purpose made preaching trips to Washington, Somerset and Fayette Counties, and also to Armstrong, Venango, Butler and Crawford Counties; and to him, under God, is due the credit of planting the Reformed church in the northern and northwestern counties of Pennsylvania.

Judge Thomas Mellon in his "Life and Times" speaking of the Negly family, to which his wife belonged, and incidently mentioning Rev. Mr. Weber, says: "Loyalty to religion and its support is also a strongly marked feature in the Negly character, which may have descended from the ancestral discipline of Zwingli. Their ancestor, Alexander was a strong supporter of the renowned Father Weber, who accomplished so much in Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties, at an early day, in organizing German Reformed Churches. A peculiar trait in the character of Father Weber was his forecast in obtaining and attaching to each organization of the kind a farm or large plot of ground, which contributed much in after years to its support. Weber was the originator of the German Reformed Church at the corner of Smithfield Street and Sixth Avenue in this city, and secured it an entire square for church purposes, which has been a source of revenue to the congregation ever since. His associates in this enterprise and among the first trustees, were Alexander Negly, John Beitler, F. Lorens, William Eichbaum and many others, whose descendents are

among our well known citizens, although not now attached to that denomination. Alexander and his family worshipped there during his lifetime; and he was buried where the present church edifice now stands, but his remains were afterwards removed, as already mentioned. His son, Jacob, my father-in-law, was equally liberal in the support of religion, but with common sense too strong to allow his zeal to become fanatical."

When Mr. Weber first traversed this country there was still much danger in traveling, from wild beasts and Indians; and, in riding on horseback, or traveling afoot to his appointments, he usually went armed with a musket or horse pistol. It was not until Wayne's victory in 1794, that all danger from the Indians ceased. "Mr. Weber was truly a man who sowed in tears."

This servant of God was able to continue his labors to the end of his life. He preached his last sermon in St. Paul's Church near Pleasant Unity just two weeks before his death. On his return to his home he visited his son-in-law, Mr. A. Turney, in Greensburg and said to the family, he thought that would be his last visit, as he believed the time of his departure was at hand. He went home, was confined to his bed, and in two weeks died.

He was buried in the graveyard at Muehleisons Church about five miles from Greensburg, on land which he had been instrumental in securing for the church. The graveyard lies on the side of a considerable hill, along which a road passes. The funeral service at the grave, on the day of the burial, was cut short by a heavy thunderstorm. Sometime afterwards a funeral sermon was preached in the principal congregations of the charge by Rev. Henry Habliston, who became his successor. His resting place was left unmarked for nearly 60 years; but a suitable monument was erected to his memory, at a cost of 450 dollars in 1874 by a committee of Westmoreland Classis, consisting of Rev. J. W. Love, Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D., and Elder John Truxal. His age was eighty-one years, four months, and some days.

In personal appearance, Mr. Weber, was a good look-

ing, portly, well formed man. The writer had a daughter of his, Miss Hannah Weaver, as a church member, in his first charge, who must have been like her father. She was tall, and well proportioned and probably fair to look upon in her youth. When he knew her she was a woman of some sixty years of age. Mr. Weber had a strong and vigorous constitution, and was able to undergo a great deal of labor and fatigue. He was of an ardent temperament, free spoken, rapid, but clear and distinct in his enunciation, while preaching, and in the habit of what is generally termed calling things by their right names. He was sensitive to injuries, and remembered them perhaps too severely, which caused him some unhappiness. He had some enemies, as well as many warm and greatly attached friends, as is generally the case with men of strong character and aggressive spirit. He was remembered and favorably spoken of by his catechumens and others for many years after he had gone to his reward.

REV. HENRY KOCH.

Rev. Henry Koch was the son of George and Elizabeth Hecker Koch, and was born in Allen Township, Northampton County, Pa., August 21, 1795. His mother's genealogy has been traced back several generations and is as follows:

John Wigand Hecker, of Nassau-Dillenburg, Germany, was equerry to Prince Christian of Nassau. His wife was Anna Juliana. There were eight children.

Rev. John Egidius Hecker, son of John Wigand Hecker and Anna Juliana, his wife, was born Jan. 26, 1726 at Dillenburg, Germany. His wife's name was Catherine. He came to America on the ship *Neptune*, from Rotterdam; James Wier, Captain. He took the oath of allegiance to the English government in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 23d, 1751.

Elizabeth Hecker, daughter of Rev. John Egidius Hecker, was born Feb. 2d, 1740. She married George Koch, who was born July 28th, 1744. George Koch was

buried Sept. 4th, 1811, aged sixty-seven years, one month, and six days, and Mrs. Elizabeth Koch, Dec. 19th, 1824, aged eighty-four years, ten months, and fifteen days, by Rev. Thomas Pomp, of Easton, Pa.

Gerlach Paul Flick, also sailed from Rotterdam to America in the ship *Neptune*; James Wier, Captain, and took the oath of allegiance to England in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 23d, 1751. He located in Moore Township, Northampton County, and was buried at the Stone Church, aged eighty-seven years.

Catherine Flick, daughter of Gerlach Paul Flick, married Jacob Hugus, a Frenchman and a clockmaker, who located on a farm near Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Mary Magdalena Hugus, daughter of Jacob Hugus, married Rev. Henry Koch in 1822. Mrs. Susan D. Hugus another daughter of Jacob Hugus, married Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke, a classmate of Rev. Henry Koch.

When Henry Koch was sixteen years old his father died. He had attended school in Allen Township, Northampton County. It was understood that he was to be a minister. His brothers aided him financially to take the required four years course of study at the private Theological Seminary of Rev. Christian Ludwig Becker, D. D., at Baltimore. His accounts contain the following entries: "Took with me, in 1817, 40 dollars." "Took with me to Baltimore from brother Adam, in 1818, 45 dollars." There is a tradition in the family that he also studied under Rev. Thomas Pomp, of Easton, Pa. It is known, however, from records that after Dr. C. L. Becker's death, July 12th, 1818, he, with several other students of Dr. C. L. Becker, continued his studies under Rev. J. C. Becker, D. D., in Northampton County, Pa.

In the spring of 1819 Mr. Koch and Mr. Hacke and a farmer by the name of Byers rode on horseback from Easton to Greensburg, Pa., in response to a letter which their preceptor had received from Rev. Henry Habliston of Greensburg, Pa., in which he asked that two young men might be sent, one to Westmoreland County, and the other to Venango County, to become pastors of a

large field of labor which he was leaving to go farther west. Near Greensburg the two young candidates for the ministry passed the house of Jacob Hugus, where several of his eight daughters were seen. Mr. Hacke indicated one of them and said, "There is my wife." Mr. Koch, not to be outdone, indicated another of the girls, and said: "There is my wife." This sudden choice proved to be prophetic. Each of the young men, a few years later, married the young lady, then chosen in such an impromptu way.

Mr. Hacke, preached in Greensburg and the neighboring congregations. He said, later: "I trembled in my boots, afraid I should be elected to go to the 'back woods' to preach." Mr. Koch, on learning the preference of his friend, said: "Stay here, Brother Hacke, and I will go to the wilderness." He then made his way, through Saltsburg, Mahoning, Watersonville, and Catfish, to Venango County. The preaching points were Millers-town (now Chicora), Parkers Landing, Richland (later St. Pauls, or the Stone Church), Licking (Churchville), and Redbank. At Licking he found many neighbors and friends from Northampton County. There were unorganized congregations and church buildings at Millers-town, Richland, where a church had been built in 1814, Licking, and Redbank. Rev. John William Weber, who came to Westmoreland County in 1782, was the first Reformed minister to visit this section, and minister to the settlers in spiritual things. In 1815, Rev. William Weinel visited Clarion County, baptizing the children and holding communion.

Mr. Koch and Mr. Hacke returned to the east, after visiting the scenes of their future labors, and finished their studies. In the early fall they appeared before the Synod which met that year, in Lancaster, Pa., on Sept. 5th. They were examined and with eleven other young men, were licensed and ordained on Sept. 9th. The minutes of Synod record that, "Communications were received from Venango and adjacent counties requesting that a young man named Koch be admitted to the ministry." Rev. Mr. Koch's baptismal records show that

he came to Clarion County in Sept. 1819. He must have started on the long journey from home about the first of the month, stopped over at Lancaster for his examination, licensure and ordination and then immediately pressed forward, to enter upon his work. He says, "Baptized in Richland Township, Venango County, five before my trial sermon, in September. At the same time I baptized in Redbank Township, in the Redbank Church, three children."

In his journal these entries are also found: "Preached my trial sermon in Donegal Township, Butler County, on October 31st, 1819." "Preached my trial sermon in Richland Township, Venango County, November 7th, 1819." "Preached my trial sermon at the Licking Krick Church, November 14th, 1819." "Preached my trial sermon at Redbank, November 21, 1819; preached my trial sermon in Parker Township, at Maglens, on the first Christmas day, 1819."

During the first year of Rev. Koch's ministry he boarded with a Mr. John Kribbs. This entry is found in his Record Book: "I came to Mr. John Kribbs to board, Dec. 12th, 1819." In the history of Clarion County by Prof. A. J. Davis, there is this statement: "John Cribbs erected a large hotel at West Millville for the accommodation of the traveling public."

In the spring of 1822 he married Mary Magdalena, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Flick) Hugus. A number of young people from his charge, among them Mr. Nicholas Berlin, rode with him on horseback to Greensburg, to be present at the ceremony. It is a historical coincidence that Rev. Henry Koch's bride's mother was a daughter of Gerlach Paul Flick, who came to America from Germany in the same ship, at the same time, with the groom's grandfather, the Rev. John Egidius Hecker, and was for many years a leading member of Rev. Hecker's church, near Petersville, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

After the marriage of Rev. Henry Koch and Mary Magdalena Hugus their first home was on the Philip Bittenbender farm, near Curllsville. Later, a log house was

built for the minister and his family on the Squire George Means farm, west of Curllsville, where he resided until he bought the "Honnes" Miller farm of 50 acres, from James Carson for 250 dollars. It was originally a part of the Bingham tract. The agreement of sale was made March 6, 1828. On the same date, March 6th, 1828, an agreement was also made between the Bingham heirs and Henry Koch for 80 acres, in addition to the 50 acres of James Carson. A deed was granted for 130 acres, Dec. 25th, 1835, which deed was recorded at Kittanning, Pa., June 25th, 1845, in Deed Book Vol. 12, page 202. This later deed may have been made to clear the title, or to cover irregularities in former deeds.

John Arner, whose wife, Elizabeth, was a sister of Rev. Koch, and family, came to the Arner farm, one mile south of Rimersburg, in 1827. Another sister, Regina, the wife of William Bartholemew, also came with her husband and family to Catfish, not very far from Rimersburg. These two sisters and their families are buried in the Rimersburg cemetery. A brother of Rev. Koch, George Koch, located on the Redbank Creek, and engaged in the lumber business. He is buried in Jefferson County. William, Jacob, and Caroline, children of Rev. Koch and wife, were born near Curllsville, Sarah Ann was born at Rimersburg. The Koch farm near Rimersburg is now owned and occupied by Mr. W. P. Keltz and family. Mrs. Keltz was Christina Koch, daughter of William Koch, and granddaughter of Rev. Henry Koch.

The people to whom Rev. Koch ministered were emigrants from Switzerland, from the eastern part of the state, and from Westmoreland County. The country was thinly inhabited. There were no roads. Footpaths and trails for horses connected one clearing and log cabin with another. People did not think it too far to go twelve miles to divine service, with guns in their hands to defend themselves against wild animals. The country abounded in streams which were at times rapid and deep, and were without bridges. Rev. Koch's members often went

with their pastor to the Allegheny and Clárlion Rivers, and with trembling hearts saw his horse plunging into the angry waves of the swollen streams. On one occasion, remaining absent from his family beyond the promised time, on account of continued falling snow and rain, when he came to the Allegheny, he found it full of floating ice, and leaving his horse, to be cared for by those who had come with him, he leaped from one cake of ice to another until he reached the further bank, and then, after waving his hand in farewell to his friends, made his way on foot to his home, where he found his family in a suffering condition. They lived two miles from the nearest neighbor at that time. On one occasion Mr. and Mrs. Hacke visited him, leaving Greensburg in a vehicle but were compelled to cut out their way with an axe for miles to get to his house. From this it will be seen what kind of a field this devoted servant of the Lord had undertaken to cultivate and what hardships he was called upon to endure in the service of his Master.

Rev. Koch organized the St. Paul's Congregation in Beaver Township, St. John's at Churchville, Trinity on the Redbank, St. Peter's at St. Petersburg, and another at Arner's schoolhouse, which was afterwards moved to Rimersburg, and the Salem Church at Lamartine. When the church was built at Rimersburg, he preached for that congregation a year without compensation, the salary going to the purchase of a lot for the church. The honor of naming the church at Rimersburg was given to the pastor's wife. Her choice was, "New Jerusalem," but at the laying of the cornerstone the word "new" was omitted, perhaps inadvertently, by the officiating ministers, and was never afterwards used. This omission was always a matter of regret to Grandmother Koch, who was a member of this church to the time of her death. She outlived her husband many years. Mrs. Koch was born Dec. 14th, 1801, and died Sept. 16th, 1884. A marker was placed at her grave by her grandchildren on May 15th. 1919.

Rev. Henry Koch was twenty-four years old when he

was ordained to the ministry. Here is a copy of his ordination certificate:

"Dieses, der candidat Theologie Heinrich Koch ist, nachdem er in seinem Examen faehig befunden und sich auch eines Dieners Christi geziemenden Wandels beflissiget, von uns zum heiligen Predigtamt ordinirt und als ein Mitglied unserer Reformirten Synode angenommen worden. Dieses zu bestaetigen, haben wir unser Synodal Siegel untergesetzt. So geschehen in Lancaster County im Staat Penn den 9te Septem 1819.

Lewis Mayer, Pres., p. t.

Samuel Helffenstein, Scriba, p. t.

Physically Mr. Koch was a strong, well proportioned, firmly built man, somewhat above the average height, with blue eyes and fair skin. He was unfortunate in being bald. What hair he had was dark brown. To hide the defect of his baldness his wife arranged his hair by combing it over the bald part of his head, plaiting the ends and tucking them under.

He was an earnest preacher of Christ. In one of his sermons, possibly the first he preached as pastor at the confirmation of a class of catechumens, referring to his own confirmation, he said: "That day and the feelings of my heart are now vividly before me—the occasion, when I, but a few years since, bowed my trembling knees before the altar, giving myself unreservedly to my Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Oh, how awfully solemn was that moment, confessing in weakness with my mouth what my heart believed! May the good spirit of our Lord impress you with similar feelings, so that you may confess with your mouth what your hearts really believe."

Rev. Koch labored faithfully in this large field until he was called to lay down his armor to obtain the crown of life. In August, 1845, he was stricken with a malignant form of dysentery. It is said that he refused to take medicine during his illness. He seems to have realized from the seriousness of his condition, that there was no remedy for him. He died Aug. 7th, 1845, aged forty-nine years, eleven months and sixteen days. Before his departure he called his family and some members of his

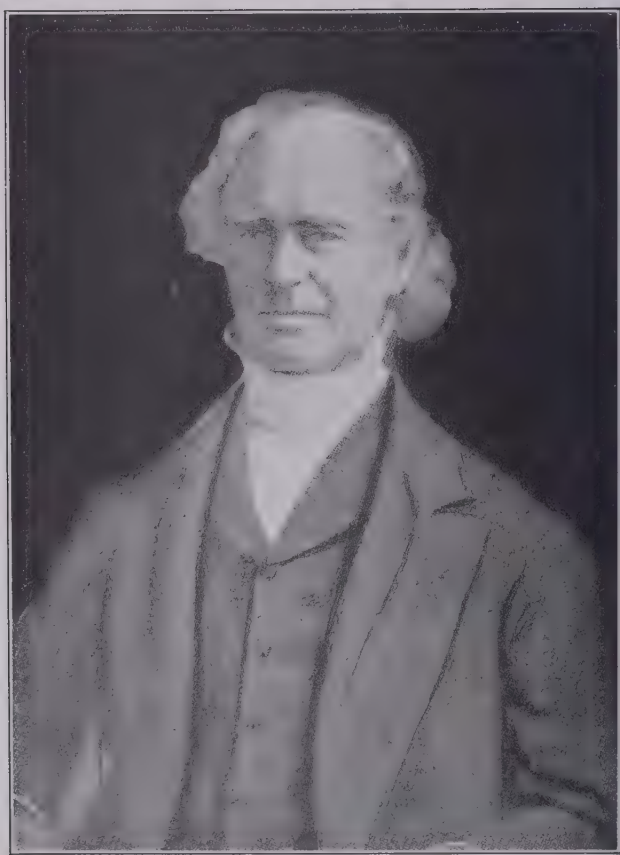
church to his bedside and said: "Be true to your God, to your church, of which I was a minister, and the time is at hand when she will arise and shine, and become strong and influential."

Within the year before Rev. Koch's death, the Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., L. L. D., visited him at Rimersburg. Dr. Schaff's kindly, genial manner won the deepest affection and esteem of the entire family.

At the funeral of Rev. Koch a very large concourse of people assembled, made up of neighbors and people from all the congregations which he served. The casket was placed under an appletree in the yard and many took a view of their pastor's loved face for the last time. For many years he was spoken of by them as, "Der lieber Herr Koch." When the head of the funeral procession reached the Reformed graveyard in Rimersburg the last carriages were just leaving the house, a mile away. On April 1st, 1878, his sons removed the body to the Rimersburg cemetery. His wife lies buried by his side. Through the efforts of Rev. Jacob F. Wiant, funds were collected in Clarion Classis and a suitable monument erected over his grave, which was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies on the afternoon of June 21st, 1889. His youngest granddaughter, Miss Christina Koch, drew the cord which held the curtain in place. Rev. Jacob F. Wiant made the address and Revs. David B. Lady, pastor, W. W. Deatrick, R. C. Bowling and S. T. Wagner took part in the service.



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REV. N. P. HACKE, D. D.

CHAPTER X.

THE PIONEERS—CONTINUED.

REV. NICHOLAS P. HACKE, D. D.

Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke was born in Baltimore, Md., on the 20th of September, 1800. His parents were Nicholas Hacke, Sr., and Sophia (Smith) Hacke. Nicholas Hacke, Sr., came to America from Bremen, Germany, on the river Weser, in 1792. Mrs. Hacke was from Zweibruecken, on the Rhine. Nicholas P. Hacke was baptized by Rev. John H. Dreyer, a Reformed minister in Baltimore. The father destined Nicholas for the ministry, and, as Mrs. Hacke failed to speak German to the children, he was sent when quite young, one account says, at the age of six, and another, at the age of nine years, to his grandmother in Bremen, to acquire the German language in the best schools. The understanding was that he should return to America, in a few years, and continue his education in English, so that he might be able, eventually, to preach in both languages. But these plans were frustrated. He could not return when he wished to do so, on account of the war which then raged between Napoleon and the allied powers in Europe. Before this was over the war of 1812-14 broke out between the United States and England. Nicholas Hacke, Sr. was a member of a military company in Baltimore, called the Green Yaegers, and shouldered his rifle, and in company with his fellow Yaegers, fought against the English at Bladensburg, Washington, and Northpoint. His business partner, who was captain of another company, the Gray Yaegers, was shot down before his eyes in one of these battles.

Soon after peace was declared Nicholas Hacke, Sr., went to Germany to visit his mother, brother and sisters, and to bring home his son. As the mother was very old,

and evidently nearing her grave, he remained until after her death, when he and the son, who was then sixteen years old, returned to Baltimore. The passage was made, of course, in a sailing vessel, and they were eight weeks on the ocean. Nicholas P. Hacke had forgotten his English and had to take it up again almost as a foreign tongue. Whilst with his grandmother in Bremen the boy had the benefit of an extended course of catechetical lectures under the Rev. Dr. Meyer, pastor of a Reformed Church in that city, and was confirmed as a member of the Reformed Church at the age of thirteen years. These lectures and the solemnities of the confirmation service made a deep and lasting impression upon the heart and mind of the youth, and became the model of his own instruction to his catechumnes, in after years, and of the confirmation services which he conducted. Rev. Dr. Deitrich Willers and Dr. Hacke sat on the same bench in the Buerger Schule or Citizen's School of Bremen. Willers was afterwards trained for the ministry in this country by Rev. John Willam Dechant, and entered upon his work in 1820.

The Reformed Church had at that time no colleges or theological seminaries in this country. Candidates for the ministry were received into their homes by well educated ministers here and there, who instructed them in the different branches of theology, in a course of study running over some four years. Many of these men would have graced a professor's chair in a theological seminary, had such been in existence. They were pious and learned and thoroughly devoted to their work as preachers, pastors and instructors. Such a man, the Rev. Christian Ludwig Becker, was pastor of a large Reformed Congregation in Baltimore, of which Nicholas Hacke, Sr., was an elder. Dr. Becker was a graduate of the University of Wittenburg, in which Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon were professors in their day. Dr. Becker had a number of students under his instruction in 1816, and to him young Nicholas P. Hacke was sent to study theology. Dr. Becker, after a somewhat prolonged illness, died on the 12th of July, 1818, and then Mr. Hacke, with a number of his fellow students, went to Northampton County,

Pa., and placed himself under the instruction of Rev. Jacob Christian Becker, D. D., a son of Dr. Becker of Baltimore, who was pastor of the Stone Church, Dryland, Indian Creek, Moore Township, Chestnut Hill and Towamensing. The students lived with Dr. Becker in the parsonage in Kreidersville, near the Stone Church. It was the custom to have the students preach occasionally during the last year or two of their course. Mr. Hacke had preached once in Baltimore and once in York, before going to Northampton County, and while Dr. Becker was absent moving his mother and aunt from Baltimore to Kreidersville, which took him four weeks, Mr. Hacke filled his pulpit several times and conducted a number of funeral services in the charge.

Early in the spring of 1819, Rev. Dr. Becker received a letter from Rev. Henry Habliston, of Greensburg, asking that several students be sent to Westmoreland and Venango (Clarion) Counties, to take charge of the congregations in and about Greensburg, which he had just resigned, and to establish congregations in Venango (Clarion) County, where many of his members and other Reformed people, directly from the east, had settled. The matter was laid before the students, and Mr. Hacke, to whom this letter of Rev. Habliston seems to have made a strong appeal, wrote to his father for permission to respond to the overture. But his father replied that he wished him to finish his studies with Dr. Becker and then attend an English Seminary for sometime, so that he might be able to preach in both languages. But when the son wrote again and emphasized what he had been told about the spiritual destitution of these western people of the Reformed Church, and his own earnest desire to go to them as a missionary, the father withdrew his objections, and forwarded the money necessary for the journey.

Mr. Hacke, then, and a classmate, by the name of Henry Koch, some of whose relatives from Northampton County had lately emigrated to Venango (Clarion) County, and who was also moved to respond favorably to Rev. Habliston's appeal, started west on horseback,

accompanied by a farmer by the name of Byers, from Saucon, who wished to visit his relatives in Mt. Pleasant Township, Westmoreland County. On the second day of the journey, when they came to Reading, it began to rain, and continued to do so for days. The travelers were soaked to the skin, and the roads were almost impassible. There was no turnpike, or macadamized road, except a stretch of six miles east of Reading, from Northampton County to Loudon, at the foot of the Tuscarora Mountains. Naturally the three young travelers were much discouraged. But when they reached the mountains the weather changed. The sun shone out in all his glory. The turnpike from Loudon to Pittsburgh was almost finished and the rest of the journey was made rather joyously.

At Greensburg, they came first to Irishtown, which looked dirty and dismal, but when they reached the center of town, and could look down to Dutchtown, and up and down Main Street, they had a better impression of the place. They stopped at Deneson's Tavern, and hearing nothing but English spoken they felt that they had come to the wrong place. It did not seem much like Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, and Reading, where little except German was heard on the streets. Mr. Hacke expressed his fears to Mrs. Simon Drum, who reassured him by telling him that many of the people in the country were German.

Mr. Koch continued his journey to Venango (Clarion) County, and Mr. Hacke remained and preached in the congregations of the Greensburg charge, appointments having been made beforehand for services in the different churches. His first sermon was delivered in St. Paul's Church near Pleasant Unity, on a weekday, to a small audience, composed mostly of old people. He also preached at Herolds, as the name was spelled then, at Brush Creek, Denmark Manor, and Greensburg. At Manor Church he had a large audience, as the service was held on Sunday. At Greensburg the service was held on Sunday also, and in the Courthouse, as the congregation was engaged in building a new church, and the audience

was quite large. The congregations gave Mr. Hacke a call to become their pastor, but offered him no stipulated salary, but only what the deacons should be able to collect. In Clarion County Mr. Koch preached at a number of points, and, as there were no organized congregations there, the people in general gave him a letter, desiring him to come into the district and become their pastor, and organize them into congregations. He returned to Greensburg, in a few weeks, and the two young men went back to Northampton County, by way of the Northern Pike, and through a town now called Mauch Chunk and through the Watergap of the Lehigh. They pursued their studies until about the first of September, and then went to the meeting of Synod which convened that year in Lancaster, on Sept. 5th, and then along with a number of other candidates for the ministry they were thoroughly examined, the examination was approved, and on the 9th of September, 1819, they were licensed and ordained to the gospel ministry.

It was then customary to send newly licensed and ordained ministers to some distant part of the country as missionaries for the first few months of their service. Rev. Hacke was directed by the Synod to go to North Carolina. He accepted the mission, went to Baltimore to visit his parents, and then to Hagerstown to get funds for the journey south from Rev. Mr. Riley, the treasurer. There was, however, no money on hand, and Rev. Mr. Riley, after some delay, advised Rev. Hacke to go to Westmoreland County and accept the call from the Greensburg charge, which he did.

The people received the new pastor gladly, and though never installed, he immediately began his work, with zeal and enthusiasm among them, he being then only a little over nineteen years of age, and continued it successfully for 58 years. His resignation bears date, Greensburg, Sept. 1st, 1877, and went into effect Oct. 1st, 1877. His people are understood to have been well-to-do; and his father supplied him with clothing, books and a horse. He boarded for a time with Mr. Jacob Hugus in the country, some distance east of Greensburg, at the rate

of 60 dollars a year, including the keeping of his horse. He subsequently married Miss Susan D. Hugus, one of the eight daughters of his host, and they established a home of their own in Greensburg, and became the parents of ten children. Mrs. Hacke died in 1864, and only one of the children is living at this date, Miss Sarah Lose Hacke, of 1456 North Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Jacob Hugus farm, where Mrs. Hacke was brought up, and where Dr. Hacke boarded for a time, was on the road from Pleasant Unity to Latrobe, about a mile from Pleasant Unity. His son, Jacob, occupied it for some time after his death. It was then bought by William Porch, who is still living there, at the age of eighty-six years.

About the time Rev. Hacke began his ministry the country was subjected to a great financial panic, following about five years after the war of 1812-14. All produce fell from a high to an extraordinary low price. Flour would not bear the freight to the east. Three new churches had been begun before the panic came, and were left deeply in debt. The salary was very small. Things looked dark and perplexing. The pastor was young, inexperienced, and unaccustomed to the country, having been brought up in large cities. But he found true friends, and soon felt at home in cabins and log houses, because the attachment shown him was honest and devoid of hypocrisy and sham. His officers stood by him, when he introduced singing by note, established choirs, had the congregations purchase organs, and took up offerings for benevolence. He kept his people to the old paths, was a faithful catechist, and confirmed the young after instructing them thoroughly. He never favored new measures, and hailed with gladness Dr. Nevin's tract on the "Anxious Bench." His people were conservative and churchly. The first Sunday School was started some ninety years ago in the St. Paul's Congregation, and was soon followed by similar schools in the other congregations. There was no opposition to their introduction. He persuaded the people to take the periodicals of the church and found their readers ready to respond when he asked for

funds for the work of the church at large. In 1845, he reported 100 Zeitschriften and 30 Messengers taken by his people. In 1846 there were 80 Zeitschriften and 40 Messengers taken. The Brush Creek and Manor Congregations gave 1200 dollars for the endowment of the Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, when it was first established, in sums from 50 to 300 dollars and the people contributed generously to the building of churches at other places. He had at first five congregations, but for some years preached also at Brand's in Ligonier Valley, Kindig's, Seanor's and Youngstown, and later at Emmanuels. He resigned St. Paul's in 1863, and Emmanuels in 1867. Rev. William Weinel had served some of these congregations for a time, and Rev. H. E. F. Voigt served them after he came to Mt. Pleasant about 1833.

Dr. Hacke's labors, as may well be believed, in a charge so large as this, were very great. Some of his catachumens had to be taught to read before they could commit the questions and answers in the Catechism. Instruction had to be given in both English and German. He held catechise like school, the exercises going on from morning to evening, with an intermission at noon, and often for several days together, or even a week, just before confirmation. There was much traveling to be done. There were many sick to visit, and many funeral services to conduct, and many marriages to solemnize. Much time was spent in the saddle. As there were few bibles and hymn-books in those days the pastor carried a number with him in his saddle-bags, for the use of members at the church services. He went on a missionary tour with Rev. Henry Koch, after dedicating a church in Clarion County, to Meadville, Conneaut Lake, French Creek, Erie, and Buffalo. He attended church dedications near Leechburg, and at Crooked Creek, in Armstrong County, Zelienople, in Butler County, and Barren Run, in Westmoreland County, and others in Clarion and Armstrong Counties. He attended meetings of Synod at Lancaster, Reading, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the east, and at Wooster, Canton, and Delaware, Ohio, in the the west, and meetings of Classis at Somerset, Berlin, Stoystown,

Negro Mountain, Pittsburgh, and in Clarion and Washington Counties. In his earlier years he took a deep interest in the affairs of the church in general. From 1840, the year in which the records, that have been preserved, begin, to 1862, he was President of Westmoreland Classis six times. He was President of the Ohio Synod in 1854, in Greensburg, and, again at Delaware, Ohio, some years later, and presided at the organization of the Pittsburgh Synod in 1870.

Dr. Hacke was a great reader and an earnest student all his life. He had special taste for the natural sciences, and kept himself well informed on the thinking and the political and social movements of the day. His sermons were thoughtful and instructive and his conversation entertaining and full of information. In 1866 Franklin and Marshall College conferred on him, in recognition of his scholarship, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He duly appreciated this act of the College, but smilingly remarked that, if given at all, it ought to have been given many years earlier. Dr. Hacke had remarkable social qualities, and his pastoral and social visits to his members were looked upon as a treat and a blessing. Meeting a group of people he made it a point to have something to say to each one of them. He had great tact. The people loved him and were loyal to him, and he kept the congregations together to a remarkable degree.

Dr. Hacke dressed well, was dignified at all times, without being stiff or excessively formal. No man in the country had intimate relations with such a large number of influential citizens as he. A young man, entering a profession in Greensburg, sought his friendship as a passport to success. His judgment of capacity and character was excellent. He was on terms of friendship with the judges, leading lawyers and business men of the community, and they entertained for him a profound respect, as a man of fine education, a theologian and philosopher, a man of strong character and great attainments. He was the equal of the leading men of his part of the state, as all felt, and was also a pleasant and helpful fellow-citizen

and fellow-christian to the humblest of his church members, or of any one who needed and sought his services.

Dr. A. E. Truxal says, in an address which he prepared and expected to deliver on December 7th, at the Dr. Hacke Memorial Service, in the First Reformed Church, of Greensburg, which he was providentially prevented from delivering on that occasion: "Dr. Hacke was an educated and cultured gentleman. His ministrations were for many years performed exclusively in the German language. During the last part of his pastorate he preached also in English. It is, however, of his German preaching I wish to speak. I sat under his teaching and preaching until I was nineteen years of age. I was baptized, catechised, confirmed and examined for licensure by him. He was an excellent preacher. He was not eloquent but a very pleasing speaker. He employed chaste words and well-rounded sentences. He was possessed of a clear musical voice. His pronounciation of the German language was beautiful. He prepared his sermons thoroughly and delivered them without manuscript. He gave his message to the people in a calm dignified manner, employing few gestures. He was not emotional at all, either in the matter or manner of his preaching. He appealed to the intellect of his hearers rather than to their emotional nature. His aim was to instruct them in divine truth. He laid down his premises, and reasoned clearly and logically from them to his conclusions He was a convincing preacher and teacher, and made substantial Christians. At the close of his labors numerous men and women and whole families could be found all over the central portion of the county, who were firmly indoctrinated in the Christian faith, according to the Reformed apprehension of it. Very few of the people taught by Dr. Hacke wandered from the fold. Some withdrew on the score of language but not on the ground of inefficient teaching.

"Dr. Hacke prepared his prayers as carefully as his sermons. From a lecture on prayer before the catechetical class, I have reason to believe that he wrote his prayers, studied and committed them, and then employed them

in the sanctuary to lead the people to the throne of grace. A peculiarity of his was that he prayed with his eyes open. Standing straight and erect, almost motionless, with his eyes fixed in front of him, he would offer up the prayers of God's house.

"He was always solemn and serious in the discharge of his duties in the house of God. I never knew him even to smile in the pulpit or before the catechetical class. And his demeanor caused a spirit of seriousness and solemnity also to pervade his congregation in the hours of worship However, in his social intercourse with his people he was free and easy, giving evidence of a vein of humor dwelling in his nature.

"Dr. Hacke possessed a strong personality. His knowledge, culture, genial disposition, strong convictions, and positive views on many subjects caused him to wield a great influence and made a deep and lasting impression upon all those with whom he associated, especially upon those to whom he ministered in spiritual things. For many persons his word was law in reference to any question.

"Of Dr. Hacke's personal appearance, Dr. Russell says: 'Tall, straight, dignified, intellectual, genial, and patriarchal, all who saw him once would ever remember his characteristic appearance. He was always and everywhere in manner and habit, a gentleman of the old school.' As he rode the highways in the discharge of his ministerial and pastoral duties, he could be recognized at a long distance by the stately manner in which he sat his horse; and he was known by every man, woman and child, for many miles around.

"And as from decade to decade he walked up and down the streets of Greensburg, as erect as the best trained soldier, with clean-shaven face, florid complexion, high-standing collar and white stock, with a pleasant but dignified greeting for every one whom he passed, he commanded the respect and admiration of both young and old, and attracted the attention of strangers as a man of unusual type."

Dr. Hacke, having served for the last ten years of his

ministry, only four congregations, Greensburg, Harrold's Brush Creek and Denmark Manor, after some nine months of serious illness, from which he did not expect to recover, resigned his charge on Sept. 1, 1877. This is the paper:

"I herewith offer my resignation of the First Greensburg charge, of which I have been the pastor for fifty-eight years, and ask that the consistories of the several congregations of which it is composed accept it, and join with me in a request to Westmoreland Classis to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between me and said charge to take effect the 1st of October.

"Physical inability and want of health compel me to take this step. The infirmities of old age as well as other providential indications admonish me that my ministerial labors in your midst have been completed. I regret that I have been denied the gratification of taking leave in person among my people and would ask you to accept my heartfelt thanks for the confidence you have ever reposed in me as your pastor and also for the many favors you have shown me personally, and I pray God that his blessing may be with you in the future as in the past, and that for the sake of His dear Son, He will speedily send you a pastor, a man after His own heart, who will minister to you in spiritual things and break unto you the bread of life.

"May the blessings of God the Father, and of God of the Son, and of God the Holy Ghost, be with you. *Amen.*

NICHOLAS P. HACKE."

The Joint Consistory upon receiving the resignation, adopted the following paper:

"WHEREAS, Our beloved pastor, Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D., who has so long and so faithfully labored in our midst, and served his charge with so much acceptance for more than half a century, has, in the Providence of God, been very sorely afflicted for the past nine months; and WHEREAS, he feels himself admonished by the infirmities of old age,

and other Providential indications, to lay down the pastoral work of his charge; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Joint Consistory, and the whole people of his charge, do most heartily sympathize with him in his severe affliction, and, although we feel constrained, under existing circumstances, to accept his resignation, yet we do so not without feelings of regret that a pastorate of such unusual length and great usefulness should thus be brought to a close. We cannot help on this occasion but express our regard and appreciation of our beloved pastor, who, for so many years, has labored among us with such faithfulness and marked success. We shall ever cherish, with the most sacred regard, the recollections of his ministrations in our midst. Whether in his official capacity as a minister of the gospel, or as a man in the more private relations of life, his character was most exemplary and impressive. He was ever much beloved and venerated by the people of his charge, and highly respected by all who knew him. We therefore feel that this tribute of respect is due him from a grateful people, and pray that he may be restored to such a degree of health as to permit him to enjoy the fruits of his labors still longer, and that when his end does come, it may be in peace and joy.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the above preamble and resolution be presented to Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D., and that they be also published in the *Reformed Messenger* and the county papers.

JOHN SHRUM.

Secretary of Joint Consistory.

September 17th, 1877."

Dr. Hacke, after an illness, lasting over a year, departed this life on Monday, August 26th, 1878, aged seventy-seven years, eleven months and six days.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 29th, in the Reformed and Lutheran Church on Main Street, Greensburg. The casket containing the body was placed just outside the chancel railing. Eighteen clergymen, including those in the pulpit, sat inside the railing. Rev.

Thomas G. Apple, D. D., professor of History and Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., preached the funeral sermon from Hebrews 13:7-8, and Rev. George B. Russell, D.D., then of Washington, D. C., a relative by marriage, read a sketch of the life and labors of the departed. The body was carried by the pallbearers, selected by himself, preceded by the eighteen clergymen present, to the German burying ground, about two blocks from the church. The service at the grave was read by Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher and Rev. David B. Lady, Dr. Hacke's successors. All business in Greensburg was suspended during the funeral services, and a large concourse of people was present in the church, in fact, the building could not contain all the people.

Thus this man of God lived and labored in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, for over half a century. It is fitting that we who have entered upon the spiritual inheritance which he left us, after almost another half century has passed, since he entered upon his reward and received his crown of righteousness, should commemorate his life and labors, in the field of pastoral work of which this congregation is a part. The stewardship which he with such eminent ability and faithfulness administered, while he lived, is ours to administer, in these later years. May we all be as devoted to our tasks as he was to his. And may we all, at last, as no doubt he did, some forty-two years ago—little more than a few days, to look back upon—be ushered through the gates into the heavenly city with the Master's words of welcome: "Well done, good and faithful servants! Enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

The Pittsburgh Synod, convening at Jeannette, October 6th, 1919, ordered the observance of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D. This is the action:

"Rev. N. P. Hacke, D.D., began his ministry as pastor of what has for many years been known as the First Greensburg Charge in the year 1819, one hundred years ago, this year. He was pastor of this charge for fifty-

eight years, having resigned nearly a year before his death in August, 1888.

"The Synod considers it proper that an event of such far-reaching importance as the settlement in such a field of labor by such a man as Dr. Hacke, and a pastorate so fruitful of good results and of such length as this, ought to be celebrated on the 100th anniversary of its beginning.

"Therefore be it resolved: That a committee be appointed to make provision for such a celebration during the month of November of this year.

"That the service of the occasion be held in the First Reformed Church in Greensburg, Pa.

"That Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., who was baptized and confirmed by Dr. Hacke, and who has been a pastor in this Synod for forty-seven years, be asked to deliver an historical address at the proposed celebration.

"That the arranging of the other features of the celebration be placed in the hands of the committee called for in this paper.

"The following were appointed the committee:

"Revs. David B. Lady, D. D., F. C. Seitz, D. D., W. C. Sykes, J. F. Snyder; Elders: H. A. Fisher, H. L. Mull, W. F. Shrum, Frank Wible, J. H. Kuhns, and William H. Glunt."

The committee met and arranged for this service, to be held in the First Reformed Church in Greensburg, on December 7th, 1919. Much to the regret of those interested Dr. Truxal could not be present because of the death of his son, and Dr. Lady took his place, reading as in address the chapter on Dr. Hacke prepared for this history. Dr. Truxal, however, sent the committee his address, which was read in the Second Reformed Church at the evening service, by Rev. F. C. Seitz, the pastor, whilst Dr. Lady repeated his address at the evening service of the Third Reformed Church. The pastors of the other churches served by Dr. Hacke held suitable memorial services on December 7th, or one of the Sundays near that date.

The following program was followed in the First Reformed Church.

PROGRAM

Service 10:45 A. M.

Rev. Edward S. Bromer, D. D., pastor, presiding.

Prelude—"Jerusalem the Golden."

"Holy, Holy, Holy."

Invocation—

Hymn No. 436—"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."

Scripture Lesson—Deut. 32:7-12.

Prayer—

Offering and Offertory Prayer—

Offertory—"Vesperale."

Anthem—"Lift Up Your Heads."

Announcements—

Address—Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D.—Rev. David B.

Lady, D. D.

Lord's Prayer.

Hymn No. 452—"Jesus I Live to Thee."

Doxology.

Benediction.

Postlude—Grand Chorus—Salome.

Service 2:30 P. M.

Elder John E. Kunkle, presiding.

Prelude—Funeral March and Seraphique Chant.

Invocation—Rev. F. C. Seitz, D. D.

Hymn No. 409—"When All Thy Mercies, O My God."

Prayer—Rev. F. C. Seitz, D. D.

Five Minute Addresses—

Rev. E. D. Bright

Rev. Charles L. Noss

S. A. Kline, Esq.

Rev. S. U. Waugaman.

Offering and Offertory Prayer.

Offertory—Largo from the New World Symphony.

Anthem—"How Lovely Are the Messengers."

Five Minute Addresses——

Rev. A. K. Kline

Mr. Irwin Walthour

Mr. W. J. Beamer

Hon. D. J. Snyder.

Announcements——

Lord's Prayer.

Doxology.

Benediction.

Postlude——March for a Church Festival.

Young People's Service.

7:00 P. M.

Prelude——“Pastorale.”

Hymn No. 685——“Angel Voices Ever Ringing.”

Scripture Lesson——Psalm 84.

Prayer——

Hymn No. 689——“Beautiful Savior, King of Creation.”

Offering and Offertory Prayer.

Offertory——Berceuse.

Anthem——“Savior When Night Involves the Sky.”

Address——Early Life of Dr. N. P. Hacke——Paul Truxal.

Address——The Ministry——Charles Hammer.

Hymn No. 711——“I Love to Tell the Story.”

Address——Dr. Hacke as a Young Minister—— Rev. E. S.
Bromer, D. D.

Hymn No. 693——“Onward Christian Soldiers.”

Mizpah Benediction.

Postlude——March Solennelle.

As a feature of this celebration the surviving daughter of Rev. Dr. Hacke, is having a bronze memorial tablet placed upon the front wall of the First Reformed Church audience room in memory of her father, which will be unveiled later with appropriate services.

CHAPTER XI.

THE PIONEERS—CONTINUED

REV. HENRY ERNEST FREDERICK VOIGT

Rev. H. E. F. Voigt was born in Luedenhausen, Fuerstenthum, Lippe-Detmold, Germany, on November 28th, 1785. He was the son of Rev. Henry Christopher Voigt, who was superintendent of the principality of Lippe-Detmold, Germany, a man of commanding presence, extensive learning, and an earnest preacher and defender of the Reformed faith. The son was trained from infancy in the doctrines and duties of religion, and at the proper age was confirmed in the church of his native town, and soon after began his studies for the holy ministry. He graduated at the University of Jena, after which he was tutor for several years, in a private family. Then he was assistant pastor, for a short time, at Bega, and pastor for six years at Augustdorf. He came to America in 1826. In the minutes of Synod for 1827 it is stated that having lately arrived here he made application to be received into connection with the Synod.

During the year 1827-28, Rev. Voigt had charge of four congregations in Somerset County, Pa. He was then appointed as missionary to a German settlement, at that time forming on the Maumee River, in the state of Ohio. He was long remembered by some of the inhabitants of Stark, Columbiana and Harrison Counties, Ohio, and spoken of with respectful reverence and love. He was in Eastern Ohio, probably about four years and then, about 1832 or 1833, came to Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pa., where he took charge of six congregations at a salary of \$450. From time to time he served other congregations, not regularly belonging to his charge, and had often, as high as from eight to eleven preaching points at the same time. He preached at Kindig's, Schwab's,

Barren Run, the Forks of the Yougheogheny, Donegal, Indian Creek, Ligonier, Muehleison's, Seanor's, Beamer's, and Yockey's. He labored here hard and faithfully for over twenty years. Rev. Jacob F. Snyder, now eighty-five years old, remembers that when he was a boy he often saw Rev. Voigt passing his father's house on foot, on his way to Beamer's and Yockey's, to hold divine service. Preaching only in the German language, an English supply was secured as his assistant from about 1860 forward. In 1864, owing to the infirmities of age, he gave up his pastorate, but preached German occasionally for his successors. His last appearance in the pulpit was on September 22d, 1872, in St. Paul's Church, near Pleasant Unity, where he preached to a crowded house, during the pastorate of Rev. David B. Lady, and his last public address was made at the unveiling of the Weber Monument on the 20th of June, 1874. He rode on this occasion from Mt. Pleasant to Muehleison's and back in a buggy, with Mr. William Hitchman, a neighbor and warm friend, and enjoyed the trip very much.

Father Voigt was a fine scholar, and had a remarkable memory. He was familiar with Hebrew, Greek, Latin, German and English, and with other tongues and dialects, and was often asked to go to the courthouse in Greensburg as an interpreter. The Hon. Harrison P. Laird, whose father, Rev. Dr. Francis Laird, was for years principal of "Laird's Institute," a classical school at Murrysville, and pastor of a large Presbyterian congregation there, when a student was in the habit of attending church regularly at Beamer's to hear pure German spoken by Rev. Voigt. Mr. Laird himself became so proficient in German that he once delivered a German political speech in Greensburg. And although his father was an eminent Presbyterian minister and educator, he united with the Reformed Church in Greensburg, and was a liberal contributor to the church enterprises, both local and general, all his lifetime. This may have been largely owing to Fa-

ther Voigt's ministrations in German in Mr. Laird's youth, at Beamer's Church.

In his preparation for the pulpit, Father Voigt wrote out his sermons word for word, in a beautiful handwriting, committed them to memory, committed the Scripture lesson to memory, and the hymns, and then rendered the service and preached the sermon without opening a book, or referring to his manuscript. He told the present writer that students at the University of Jena were trained to do that, when he was a student. As a result he came to know much of the Bible and many hymns by heart. He preached very earnestly and forcibly, and often, with tears in his eyes, set forth the love of God in Christ, and plead with men to repent and believe the gospel.

Rev. Mr. Voigt was married, on July 28, 1820, in Luedenhausen, Lippe-Detmold, Germany, to Anna Ulrica Louisa Cronmeyer, daughter of Siegmund Eberhardt Cronmeyer. Three children were born to them in their native country. Then, when Mr. Voigt came to America, Mrs. Voigt's parents were not willing to part with their daughter. At length the parents died and Mrs. Voigt wrote to her husband that she was ready to join him in America. It was arranged that she should sail from Bremen on the ship "Weser" a three masted sailing vessel, on the 20th of August, 1834, and land at Baltimore. The voyage lasted 60 days, the ship reaching port on the 19th of October. Her husband went to Baltimore to meet his family, and for twelve days, every morning climbed a tower and with a hired field glass looked for a vessel flying the Bremen flag. At length the ship made its appearance and husband and wife, after a separation of seven years were united. They hastened by rail to Frederick and then by stage to Mt. Pleasant, where the rest of their days were spent. Three more children were born to them in America.

Father Voigt had not only a remarkable and cultivated mind, but a sound body, and vitality of the highest order. He labored in the active duties of the ministry for half a century and never knew what sickness meant

until about two months before his death. He braved the cold of winter and the heat of summer, traveling many miles, often on foot, over the hills of Westmoreland County, to fill his appointments. His life was a life of exposure, which only the most vigorous constitution could have endured.

About three weeks before his death he partook of the holy communion, administred by the present writer. On this occasion, though suffering in body, and his mind, in a measure darkened to the realities of this world, he spoke with delight of the love of Christ, manifested in giving his body to be broken and his blood to be shed for us. He showed no fear of death, but seemed eager to depart and be with Christ. And so about noon on the 14th of January 1875, he passed from the darkness of earth to the bright light and joy of Heaven. His age was eighty-nine years, two months and twelve days.

The funeral was held on the 16th of January. Services at the house were conducted by Rev. J. I. Swander, and at the Kindig's, or St. John's church, by Revs. J. W. Love, A. E. Truxal, T. J. Barkley, and David B. Lady. Rev. Barkley, then pastor of the Grace Reformed church, Pittsburgh, and President of Pittsburgh Synod, preached the sermon, and Rev. Lady, as the family pastor, read the committal service at the grave.

Father Voigt in his subsequent life fully justified the good opinion which the examining committee of Synod had formed of him in 1827. They reported: "We can confidently assure the Reverend Synod that Brother Voigt has the most satisfactory testimonials both as to acquirements and his moral character. We heartily rejoice in this fact, and cannot suppress the wish that all German ministers might be able to produce such testimonials. It is our opinion that Brother Voigt will be a useful laborer in our American Vineyard and an honor to this body." He walked with God and was not, for God took him to himself.

"When Father Voigt came to America, he left his three small children to the care of their mother who heroically

volunteered to support and train them until they would be able to follow their father to the new world, which responsibility she faithfully discharged, and by precept and example incited them to industry, instilling into them principles which developed into usefulness in their after life."

Mrs. Voigt was also born in Luedenhausen, Lippe-Detmold, Germany, in the year 1800. She died in Mt. Pleasant in 1890, in her ninetieth year, and rests beside her husband in St. John's Cemtery. One son died at Mt. Pleasant, when he was between the age of three and four years. The other children lived to a good old age, and then, after lives of Christian usefulness, joined their venerated parents in the better land.

REV. WILLIAM CONRAD

Rev. William Conrad was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, August 11th, 1808, and was baptized by Rev. Jonathan Rahauser. His father died when he was a boy. In 1813 his widowed mother moved to Berlin, Somerset County, Pa., where her father, Rev. J. Henry Giese, was pastor. He was catechised by his grandfather, and confirmed on Whit-Sunday, 1825. He learned the trade of watchmaking with his brother, Jacob, in Connelville.

But the calling of a watchmaker did not satisfy the mind and heart of William Conrad. He felt that he had a call to serve God and his generation in the gospel ministry. He entered the High School and Seminary at York about 1832 and spent several years there, under the instruction of Rev. Dr. F. A. Rauch and Rev. Dr. Lewis Mayer. Owing to the scarcity of money, he on more than one occasion, made the journey from Berlin to York on foot. "A young man that will do that," says one of his biographers, "in order to qualify himself for the solemn work of the ministry, will afterwards also be a faithful and earnest minister."

Mr. Conrad's educational advantages were limited, compared with those which our young men enjoy now,

or those which his grandfather had enjoyed at Heresfeld and Marburg, in Germany, but he made the best possible use of them. His talents were of a high order, and by constant application he became an accomplished scholar and theologian. His mind was original and exceedingly logical. Even his familiar letters were systematic in arrangement. It was his habit to approach a subject in an orderly way. In his preaching he was instructive and edifying rather than entertaining. His sermons, which were sometimes longer than would be thought proper now, were always full of profound thought. His utterance was rapid, and his subject matter of a nature to benefit the listener. For a man of his ability he was exceedingly modest and even timid, and, on this account, was not appreciated as much as he deserved. He was generally reserved and reticent, and was by some held to be unsociable, but, when drawn out, he conversed freely on many subjects, and was always ready to impart information. He also had a ready wit and humor, and had quite a capacity to entertain. Mr. Conrad wrote a great deal for the church periodicals. Many of his articles appeared in the Messenger, over different signatures. He published a small treatise on the "Subject and Mode of Baptism," and another on the "Sin Against the Holy Ghost." He also wrote several treatises which were never published: one on the Heidelberg Catechism. He devoted part of his life to the study of scientific subjects, and once delivered a series of lectures on astronomy. For thirty years he gathered geological specimens, which he presented finally to Westmoreland College, one of whose founders he was, and one of whose hearty supporters to the end of his life.

In 1835, the year of his graduation in the Seminary at York, William Conrad became pastor of the Grantsville charge in what is now Somerset Classis, which included Hoffman's Church, Stoystown, and Wills Creek, and to which was added, the following year, the Shade Church. In 1841, when Rev. Giese resigned the Berlin Charge, Mr. Conrad succeeded him. There were many changes in

the charges in those times. In 1842 Mr. Conrad's charge was made up of congregations at Berlin, Salisbury, Centreville, Stony Creek, Stoystown, Shade and Greeneville. In 1846 Rev. Henry Knepper took charge of the Grantsville and Salisbury Congregations. In 1847, Mr. Conrad organized a congregation at Pine Hill, which is now called the Mt. Zion's or Hay's Church. He also supplied other churches in the county, some for a longer and others for a shorter time. He was animated by the true missionary spirit, and was abundant in labors, and considered no amount of toil and exposure too great to build up the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

On the 12th of March, 1859, Rev. Conrad became pastor of a newly constituted group of churches, called the Beam Charge, where he remained for three years. His health was now broken down and his constitution shattered by severe labor. The distances he had to travel in the discharge of his ministerial duties were very great. At one time he was, for several years, the only Reformed minister in the county. There were many sick to visit, many funerals to attend, many catechetical classes to instruct, besides the regular services of the Lord's Day. Mr. Conrad was always punctual and ready to meet all demands made upon him. He rarely missed an appointment. In all kinds of weather he attended to the duties of his calling. Fidelity and conscientiousness in the discharge of all his obligations were leading characteristics of his long and useful life.

The Reformed Church of Somerset County, now strong and aggressive, owes a debt of lasting gratitude and honor to William Conrad. He gave himself earnestly to its advancement, when ministers were hard to secure. Through his labors the membership increased rapidly. He was thoroughly Reformed at a time when many others departed from the customs and standards of the church of their fathers. He admired the spirit of the Heidelberg Catechism and maintained its use and teaching when the mourners bench system was flourishing all around him. When quite a young man he was shocked by the irrever-

ence and presumption of new converts, and his convictions were strengthened by his theological studies and the experiences and observations of his riper years.

It was not Mr. Conrad's habit, however, to attack what he believed erroneous in church practices directly, or wage open war against it, and give the outside world occasion to say sneeringly: "Behold how these Christians love one another," but he preached the positive truths of the word of God as apprehended and set forth in the Catechism. He resisted mildly but firmly every false tendency. That the Reformed Church in this part of the country was not stripped of its proper life and spirit by the tide of "New Measures" which swept over central and western Pennsylvania in his day must be mainly attributed to him. He yielded neither to its assaults and threatenings, nor to its caresses. His position was too well defined to be misunderstood by those who cared to examine it closely. He did for the Reformed Church in Somerset County what Dr. N. P. Hacke and others did for the same church in Westmoreland County.

Rev. William Conrad was truly a good man. He served his Master faithfully, in simplicity and sincerity of heart. His character and consistently Christian life gave him and his church a standing which they could have gained in no other way, and gained for himself great esteem and love in the whole community in which he lived and labored. He had multitudes of the warmest possible friends and he retained their respect and attachment to the end of his life.

Mr. Conrad died at his residence in Berlin, Somerset County, Pa., February 16th, 1865, aged fifty-six years, six months and fifteen days. His funeral was largely attended. An appropriate discourse on his life, character and labors was delivered by Rev. F. K. Levan. Rev. Benjamin Knepper and Rev. Frederick Wahl also made addresses. Revs. George H. Johnston and A. J. Heller and two Lutheran and one Methodist minister were present at the funeral.

CHAPTER XII

ORGANIZATION OF THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD

Western Pennsylvania as well as the territory farther west, was originally under the jurisdiction of the Coetus and later of the Old Mother, or Eastern Synod, into which the Coetus was changed in 1793, and the ministers or missionaries in this section reported to this body from year to year. In the year 1819 when Synod was divided into six classes all the charges west of the eastern line of Bedford County and east of the Ohio line formed what was called the Western Pennsylvania Classis, which was part of the Synod of the United States.

In 1836 this Western Pennsylvania Classis was given permission to unite with the newly formed "Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States," and the union took place the following year.

At a meeting of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States at New Lancaster, Ohio, in 1839, the name of this classis was changed from Western Pennsylvania Classis to the Eastern District Synod of Ohio. The first meeting under the new name was held in Schellsburg, Bedford County, Pa., in May, 1840. Of this and subsequent meetings there are full records in Minute Books in possession of the Stated Clerk of Westmoreland Classis. Previous to this date there are, so far as the writer has been able to discover, no records.

At a meeting of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, held in Canton, Ohio, in 1842, an action was passed dividing the Eastern District Synod of Ohio into two Classes, the one to be known as Westmoreland and the other as Erie. To Westmoreland Classis were to belong all the ministers and charges south of a line drawn due east from the north-western corner of Mercer County to the Allegheny Mountains. It therefore included nearly all

the territory now included in the Pittsburgh Synod. The first meeting of the new Classis, named Westmoreland, took place, by direction of Synod, at Kindig's or St. John's Church, near Mt. Pleasant on May 28th, 1843.

The first meeting of Erie Classis was held in Lockport, Niagara County, N. Y., on the first Sunday in June, 1843. As the delegate sent from Erie Classis to the Ohio Synod was properly a member of Westmoreland Classis there is no report of Erie Classis in the minutes of the Ohio Synod for 1843.

The ministers and charges for 1844 are as follows:

Ministers	No. Cong.	Names of Congregations	P. O. Address
B. Boyer	3	Jerusalem, Zion's, Meadville	Saegertown, Crawford County, Pa.
J. Keller	8	Zion's, Friedens, Lancaster, etc.	Lancaster, Erie County, N. Y.
J. A. Bayer	2	St. Paul's and St. Jacob's	Dansville, Livingston County N. Y.
J. Althaus	4	Paradise, Jefferson, St. Paul's, etc.	Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co., Pa.
J. F. Engelbach		Missionary.	
J. Van Linge			Buffalo, N. Y.
These are the statistics for 1845:			
B. Boyer	3	Jerusalem, Zion's, Meadville	Saegertown, Crawford County, Pa.
P. Zeizer	7	Union, Black's, Christ, Good Hope, St. John's, Salem, etc.	West Greenville, Mercer Co. Pa.
J. Althaus	4	Zion's, Friedens, Falings	Black St., Lockport, Niagara Co., N. Y.
J. A. Bayer	1	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, Ind.
J. Keller	3	St. Peter's, St. John's, Orangeville	Lancaster, Erie County, N. Y.
J. F. Engelbach	8	St. John's, St. Paul's, Paradise Punxsutawney, etc.	Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co. Pa.
J. Van Linge	1	St. Catherine	St. Catherine's, Upper Canada.
W. Brombacher	1	Warren	Warren, Warren County, Ohio.

Trouble seems to have begun in 1846, as the Erie Classis sent no delegates to Synod and made no report that year.

In 1847 there is an item asking Synod to make provision for the payment of fifty dollars, which had been apportioned to Erie Classis in 1845, inasmuch as that Classis had seceded.

In 1848 there is a resolution requesting Erie Classis to continue its organization as a classis of the Ohio Synod, and in case of refusal any member thereof was given permission to connect with the nearest Classis.

In 1849 the statistics show that the charges united with the neighboring classes, principally with the Westmoreland Classis.

In 1850 the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States granted the ministers and charges north of the Kiskiminetas River belonging to the Westmoreland Classis permission to form a new classis to be called Clarion. On January 8th, 1851, at a special meeting of Westmoreland Classis those ministers and charges were dismissed for the purpose of constituting the new classis. At the meeting of the Synod of Ohio in May, 1857, a renewed request from Clarion Classis to be dismissed to the Eastern Synod was reported by the committee on the Minutes of Classis. The request was granted. Two resolutions follow :

Resolved. 1st—That the officers of Synod be instructed to give the Clarion Classis an honorable dismission to the Eastern Synod.

Resolved. 2nd—That the transfer of the Clarion Classis go into effect so soon as the Eastern Synod shall concur in our wish to alter the boundary of that Synod.

At the meeting of the Eastern Synod in Allentown in October, 1857, the certificate of dismission of Clarion Classis from the Ohio to the Eastern Synod was presented, found in order and the delegates of Clarion Classis were admitted to seats in the Eastern Synod. On January 17th, 1861, Clarion Classis was divided into Clarion and St. Paul Classes. These two Classes were connected with the Synod of the United States, or the Eastern Synod, while Westmoreland Classis remained in

connection with the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States. There was, about this time, also, a classis, belonging to the Synod of the United States, or the Eastern Synod, called the West New York Classis. At the meeting of the Eastern Synod at Carlisle in 1863, New York Classis received permission to divide into New York and the Classis of West New York.

It came to be felt about the close of the Civil War, the energies of all classes of people in the north having been greatly stimulated by the four years of conflict between the states, and reconstruction being in the air, that it would be desirable to have a separate district Synod made up of the three classes in Pennsylvania lying between the Allegheny Mountains on the east and the line dividing Pennsylvania and Ohio on the west, and the West New York Classis. The classes consulted with one another through committees, and overtures were made to their respective Synods and to the General Synod, which had come into existence in 1863 to have the organization of such a Synod constitutionally authorized.

We accordingly find in the Minutes of the General Synod for 1866, page 14, that the Committee on Minutes of Classes reports: "A memorial from the Classis of Westmoreland asking this Synod to authorize the formation of the Classes of West New York, St. Paul's, Clarion and Westmoreland into a district synod to be called the Synod of Pittsburgh. This item together with a similar item, from the Minutes of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, giving its consent to certain western classes to be formed into a district synod and referring the matter to General Synod for final action was reported by the Committee on District Synods, and was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Jesse Steiner, N. H. Loose, and Charles H. Leinbach, and Elders: John Troxel, Frederick Achey, and John Bowman. This committee recommended the following resolution, which was adopted: "That the Classes of Clarion, St. Paul's West New York and Westmoreland be authorized to take the necessary constitutional action to secure their organiza-

tion into a district synod, to be known as the Pittsburgh Synod."

In the Minutes of General Synod, convened in Philadelphia in its next tri-ennial meeting, in 1869, the committee on Districts Synods reported: (1) That the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, at its annual meeting in 1867, had dismissed the Westmoreland Classis, in accordance with the action of the General Synod, with a view of forming in connection with St. Paul's, Clarion and West New York Classes, a District Synod in Western Pennsylvania," and (2) That the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its annual meeting in 1869, had "dismissed Clarion, St. Paul's and West New York Classes, in accordance with the action of the General Synod, with a view of forming a district synod in connection with the Classis of Westmoreland of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States."

These two items were referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. M. Titzel, and Elders: J. Laubach and G. H. Mengel, which committee subsequently reported the following resolutions: "That the Classes of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's and West New York be and are hereby constituted a Synod, to be known as the _____ Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

"That the ministers and delegated elders of the said Classes shall meet in convention in Grace Church, in Pittsburgh, Pa., on the second Friday in February, A. D. 1870, at 7:30 P. M., to organize said Synod, to determine its name and attend to such other business as may come before it.

"That the opening sermon shall be preached by Rev. Dr. Hacke, or by some one named by him, and that he shall preside at the organizing of the Synod."

The General Synod adopted the above resolutions.

The following considerations seemed to have influenced the pastors and people of these four classes to seek a separate synodical organization. (1) Their territory lay between that of the old mother Synod on the east and of the newer Ohio Synod on the west. It was divided from the

former by the Allegheny Mountains, and from the latter by the Ohio and Pennsylvania state line. Long distances had often to be traveled to reach the places of meeting of these two bodies, and the four classes in question were, as a consequence, frequently not fully represented when the synods of which they were members convened.

(2) The views of the ministers and people of Westmoreland Classis on theology and liturgics were not in full harmony with those which prevailed in the rest of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, but were in harmony with the views held in Clarion and St. Paul's Classes. (3) The ministers and people belonging to this section felt that here was a promising missionary field for the Reformed Church. Oil, coal and iron interests were rapidly developing. Many young men from the east were finding homes in the new industrial towns in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Calls for the organization of new congregations were coming from a number of places, in this section, and it was felt that to meet the situation properly it would be an advantage to be united in a separate synod. (4) Much of the prevailing religious sentiment in other churches about Pittsburgh was of the emotional order. The Methodists, United Brethren, General Synod Lutherans, and to an extent, Presbyterians and United Presbyterians, practiced the mourners bench system in some form or other. The Reformed ministers faithfully instructed the young people in the Catechism in preparing them for full church membership. The Reformed Church was also placed somewhat on the defensive against the encroachments of other denominations, because of the different types of religion to which each class adhered. In order to uphold the cause of Christ, as they conceived of it, and do aggressive work, in addition to taking care of their own people, these classes felt that they needed a synodical organization of their own.

All these were no doubt legitimate reasons in the minds of pastors and people, and so the Pittsburgh Synod was brought into existence, and the Reformed

Church in this section has been greatly prospered since that event.

Several paragraphs from the report on the state of the church, adopted at the first annual meeting of the Synod, written by Rev. William Rupp, will confirm what has been said.

“From the reports placed in our hands it appears that the state of the church within our bounds, while it is not all that could be desired, is nevertheless highly encouraging. While there are some things that cause us to mourn; still the general state of our church is such as to admonish us to take heart, and to be strong in the Lord and in the might of his strength.

“The reports all bear testimony to the fact that, during the period which they cover, the word of the gospel was faithfully preached, the holy sacraments regularly administered, the children and youth instructed and catechised. Pastors have been earnest and zealous in the work of the ministry, as it is apprehended and understood at this time in the Reformed Church; and the Classical reports in our hands give evidence in various ways that their work has been accepted and blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

“The prevailing type of religion among us evidently is what may be called the churchly, sacramental, and educational. We have no faith in any modern inventions and contrivances of men for the regeneration, conversion, and sanctification of sinners; but on the contrary we have confidence in God’s own means and ordinances, appointed unto this end. This fact is alluded to in several of the reports in our hands. Stress is laid upon the sacraments as grace-bearing, saving ordinances. The church, we believe, is not only the communion, but also the mother of saints. We are ready to say with the fathers of old, and that in good faith: He that hath not the church for his mother cannot have God for his Father. Holy Baptism, we believe, is ordained for the remission of sin and the gift of a new and spiritual life, the Holy Supper for the nourishment of the regenerate

or baptismal life, the preaching of the Gospel for the illumination of the mind and for growth in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Such is our faith, and such the Gospel that we preach. We believe that it is the old Gospel. And that it is still, as it was in the days of St. Paul, the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, is evidenced in various ways by the reports before us. These all speak of greater devotion on the part of our people to the Lord and his cause. Our people love the church more than formerly; and where there is love to the Church, there must also be love to the Lord.

"True, as several of the reports also admit, the effect of the Gospel, as we preach it, does not at once manifest itself in the way of outward demonstration and show. But our Saviour Himself tells us that the kingdom of heaven cometh not with observation. None of the reports had anything to say of extraordinary effusions of the Spirit, of so-called Pentecostal seasons, and the like; and one of them expressly says that none have occurred. But if we have faith in the one Pentecostal miracle, is not this as it should be? Is not the Holy Ghost continually present in the Church and operative in the ordinances of the Gospel to regenerate, convert, and sanctify? As the dews of heaven are gentle, so also is the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. He is not in the earthquake, nor in the fire, nor in the rushing wind, but in the still, small voice. 'So is the kingdom of God as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.'

"All the reports in our hands speak of a growing church consciousness among our people. This manifests itself in a variety of ways; it manifests itself in more earnest attention to the preached word, and a more active participation in the worship of the sanctuary. Our people do not go to church simply in order to see and hear, but to worship. So also there is beginning to be a



more devout and regular observance of the Holy Sacraments. The disproportion between the confirmed and communicant members of the church is becoming smaller; though it is still too large. Parents also are said to be more concerned for the baptism of their children than was the case some years ago, at least in certain sections of this Synod. The church festivals are more commonly observed by our pastors and people than was the case in former years, and they always prove to be revivals in the true sense.

"One of the reports also refers to the style of our church architecture. New churches are built and old ones repaired; and in this case the new are decidedly better than the old. The reports say that the spirit of benevolence manifest among our people is commendable; but they all admit too that in this regard there is still large room for improvement.

"But while our present ambition as a Church is good and generally encouraging, there is a great work before us still. Our territory is large, and as yet, in many places, but poorly cultivated. Within the bounds of this Synod there are cities and towns by the score, in which our church is as yet unknown. From all these the Macedonian cry sounds in our ears, Come and help us. The harvest before us is great—greater perhaps than any of us have any idea now. It will require us to labor faithfully in the future. It will require sacrifices at our hands. And it will require many more men and more means than we have at our command now. 'Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he may send laborers into the harvest.'"

At the time and place fixed by the General Synod, namely, on February 11th, 1870 at 7:30 P. M., in the Grace Reformed Church, on the Corner of Grant and Webster Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., the ministers and delegate-elders of the four classes came together. Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D., conducted the religious services, assisted by Rev. D. B. Ernst. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. F. K. Levan at Dr. Hacke's request. The following ministers and elders were present at some or all of the sessions. From Clarion Classis: Revs. F. Wise, J. G.

Shoemaker, D. O. Shoemaker, J. J. Pennypacker and J. F. Wiant; and Elders: George Rarich, Abraham Wiant, John Crick, John Long, Bixler Beighly and Daniel Davis. From St. Paul's Classis: Revs. D. B. Ernst, W. M. Landis, W. E. Krebs, E. H. Diffenbacher, J. Kretzing, J. H. Stepler and H. C. Heiser; Elders: D. S. Dieffenbacher, Martin Sitler, Bartholemew Siedler, H. N. Stitzer, and Solomon Dieffenbacher. From Westmoreland Classis: Revs. N. P. Hacke, D. D., A. B. Koplin, H. F. Keener, A. J. Heller, T. J. Barkley, F. K. Levan, T. F. Stauffer, J. Ruhl, J. F. Snyder, G. H. Johnston, C. C. Russell, and L. B. Leasure; Elders: Samuel Burkey, Jacob Zundel, Jr., S. C. Remsberg, John Wiegand, W. J. Bear, John Gumbert, and Levi Kemp. From West New York Classis: Rev. Herman Bielfield. The advisory members were Revs. J. Voegelin of Maryland Classis, Eastern Synod, and J. Fuendeling of Indiana Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Elders William King of Clarion Classis, T. J. Craig, Christian Siebert, W. E. Schmertz, and Joseph Cort of Westmoreland Classis, and an Elder by the name of Greiner from Indiana Classis, Synod of Ohio. Rev. James Grant was received from the United Brethren Church and referred to the Westmoreland Classis for enrollment.

On Saturday morning, February 12th, 1870, a permanent organization was effected by the election of Rev. F. K. Levan, President, Rev. W. E. Krebs, Stated Clerk, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, Corresponding Secretary and Elder W. E. Schmertz, Treasurer.

The name selected for the Synod was: "The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States."

The sessions continued until Monday evening, February 14th, 1870. It was resolved that the first annual meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod should be a convention of all the ministers in the four classes and one elder from each pastoral charge. Zion's Reformed Church, Buffalo, New York, was fixed upon as the place and the first Wednesday in November, 1870, at 6:30 P. M. as the time for the meeting.

This meeting was held at the time and place appointed. It was an important meeting. The ministers and elders

present had a deep sense of their responsibility. They knew where they stood. The resolutions they passed were clear, and vigorous. The Synod set up standards which, as a rule, have stood, and been heeded for half a century. The Synod has always met in general convention. Those best fitted to lead have thus had the opportunity of being present at every meeting. Its ministers have practiced the catechetical method of preparing the young for church membership. The importance of preaching and observing the sacraments, has been emphasized, as divinely instituted means of grace. Zeal for Home Missions has never been relaxed. Regular contributions for Home and Foreign Missions have been insisted upon through the apportionment system, and charges and classes have been constantly urged to aim at paying 100 per cent of every apportionment, and many of them from the first took pride in annually reaching this high water mark, and have never fallen below it.

During the first years of its existence the Pittsburgh Synod was spoken of as a synod made up of young men, and, as is characteristic of young men, interested, active, aggressive, enthusiastic in its work of christianizing the community and sending the Gospel to the heathen. Many of its original young men have grown old in the service, and yet have preserved these traits. There is among them a frankness in expressing themselves in debate not found to the same extent in other synods, which is yet without bitterness and which produces no feeling of subsequent alienation. The Synod has been conservatively liturgical with freedom of individual, congregational and personal action which has worked for the peace of the churches and their prosperity. The Synod has been loyal to the Boards of the General Synod, and classes and congregations have been loyal to their own Synodical Boards. The educational, publication and charitable institutions supported by synodical action have been supported, in fact, by the people and there have been no unpleasant controversies between men educated at different colleges and seminaries. All have stood together for the salvation of men, for the progress of the kingdom and for the glory

of the great Head of the Church. Individual interests have been held in abeyance. All have looked upon the cause as greater than the man, and have found this conducive to peace and success. This spirit, most fortunately, has come largely to prevail of late years in other sections, and throughout the church. The Church exists to preach the Gospel, to bring men to Christ, and to save the world through repentance and reformation and faith and the following of the divine-human, all-sufficient Redeemer. The meetings of the Classes and of the Synod have generally been an inspiration, and pastors and elders have returned to their work from such conventions with new zeal for the advancement of the church of their fathers.

At the annual meeting of Westmoreland Classis, held in Berlin, Somerset County, beginning October 5th, 1870, an overture was received from St. Paul's Classis, requesting that Westmoreland Classis join said St. Paul's Classis in petitioning Pittsburgh Synod, meeting at Buffalo, to authorize the formation of a new classis out of parts of Westmoreland and parts of St. Paul's Classis. Westmoreland took the following action:

"Resolved. 1. That we accept the offer of St. Paul's Classis to cede all of her territory south of the Mercer County line for the purpose of forming a new classis out of said territory in connection with a part of Westmoreland Classis.

"Resolved. 2. That this Classis cedes all its territory lying in Allegheny County for the purpose of forming the new Classis to be called Allegheny Classis.

"Resolved." 3. That the remaining portion of Westmoreland Classis be divided into two parts, the Laurel Hill to be the line of division, but that Cambria County shall belong to the territory of the Westmoreland portion, the western division to be called Westmoreland Classis and the eastern, Somerset Classis."

It was also resolved that Synod be asked to confirm the action of the Classis on the subject of division.

It seems that this matter did not come before the meeting of Synod, at Buffalo, in November, 1870, as was intended, but was postponed until the following annual

meeting, and the minutes inform us, that Pittsburgh Synod during the meeting in Greensburg, in October, 1871, took the following action:

"Resolved 1. That the request of these Classes, St. Paul's and Westmoreland, be granted.

"Resolved 2. That the territory of the recent Westmoreland Classis, except Cambria County, east of the Laurel Hill be constituted the Classis of Somerset; and that it be directed to hold its first annual meeting in Salem Church, Frostburg, Maryland, on the first Thursday in June, 1872, at 7:30 P. M., and that the Rev. William Rupp preside at its organization.

"Resolved 3. That the Allegheny River to the line of Allegheny County, and thence along the Eastern border of that county shall be the boundary between the Classis of Westmoreland and the new Classis of Allegheny, between which and the St. Paul's Classis the boundary shall be the lower line of Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

"Resolved 4. That the Classis of Westmoreland shall hold its annual meeting in the Reformed Church at Salem, on the first Thursday in June, 1872, at 7:30 P. M., and that the Rev. L. B. Leasure preside at its organization.

"Resolved 5. That the Classis of Allegheny shall hold its first annual meeting in the First Reformed Church, Allegheny City, on the first Thursday in June, 1872, at 7:30 P. M., and that the Rev. F. K. Levan preside at its organization."

Then for a few years Pittsburgh Synod consisted of six Classes.

At its annual meeting in 1872 West New York Classis requested Pittsburgh Synod to dismiss it for the purpose of uniting with other classes in forming a German Synod. This request was granted, to go into effect when sanctioned by the General Synod.

The General Synod which met in Cincinnati on November 27th. 1872, took the following action: "Resolved that General Synod give its full consent and permission to any four or more German classes, regularly constituted and lying adjacent, in the sense above given, to be organized into a German District Synod, so soon as the consent of the

synod or synods to which they may belong has been properly obtained."

In the minutes of the next tri-ennial meeting of General Synod, Fort Wayne, May 1875, we read that the committee on District Synods reported—Item 6—"The proceedings of the German Synod of the east inform us that, on the authority of the General Synod, and the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh and Potomac, a new German Synod was organized on the 12th of January, 1875, in Salem's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., under the name of the German Synod of the East of the Reformed Church in the United States."

The statistics of the West New York Classis appear for the last time in the minutes of the Pittsburgh Synod of the meeting in Berlin, Pa., October, 1874. By the time of the next meeting, held in Kittanning in October, 1875, this classis had become a part of the new German Synod of the East. The Pittsburgh Synod from that time to the organization of the Hungarian Classis was constituted of five classes, Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset and Allegheny.

At the preliminary meeting of Synod in Grace Church, Pittsburgh, February 11th, 1870, a committee on charter was appointed, consisting of Revs. F. K. Levan, W. E. Krebs and Elder W. J. Bear. This committee reported a charter which was adopted by the Synod, at its first annual meeting, in Buffalo, in November, 1870. It is as follows:

"Whereas, the Ministers and Elders forming the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, consisting of citizens of the state of Pennsylvania, and of others of the United States of America, have represented that, by donations, bequests, or otherwise, of charitably disposed persons, they are possessed of moneys for benevolent and pious purposes, and the said Ministers and Elders have reason to expect further donations for similar use, but from the scattered situation of the said Ministers and Elders and other causes, the said Ministers and Elders find it very difficult to manage the said funds in the way

best calculated to answer the intention of the donors; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That

and their successors duly elected and appointed, in manner as is hereinafter directed, be and they are hereby made, declared, and constituted a corporation and body politic and corporate, to have continuance forever, by the name, style, and title of "Trustees of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States," and by the name, style, and title aforesaid shall forever hereafter be persons able and capable in law, as well to take, receive, and hold all and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises, and other hereditaments which at any time or times, heretofore have been granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released, bequeathed, devised, or otherwise conveyed to, or acquired by the said Ministers and Elders of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church, or any other person or persons, to their use, or in trust for them; and the same lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises, and other hereditaments, including personal property, are hereby vested and established in said corporation and their successors forever, according to the original use and intent with which such devises, bequests, gifts and grants were respectively made; and the said corporation and their successors are hereby declared to be seized and possessed of such estate and estates therein as in and by the respective grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, releases, bequests, devises and other conveyances thereof, is or are declared, at all time hereafter, shall be capable and able to purchase, have, receive, take, hold, and enjoy in fee simple, or of lesser estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises, and other hereditaments, by the gift, grant, bargain sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release, confirmation, or devise of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, capable and able to make the same; and further, that the said Ministers and Elders, under the corporate name

aforesaid, and their successors, may take and receive any sum or sums of money and any portion of goods and chattels that have been given to the said Ministers and Elders, or that hereafter shall be given, sold, leased, devised or bequeathed to the same corporation, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, able or capable to make a gift, sale, bequest, or other disposal of the same, such money, goods or chattels to be laid out and disposed of for the use and benefit of aforesaid, agreeably to the intention of the donors, and according to the objects, articles and conditions of this act.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no misnomer of the said corporation and their successors shall defeat any annual gift, grant, devise bequest to or from the said corporation: *Provided*, The intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, will, grant, or other writing, whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to or from the said corporation.

Section 3. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid. That the said corporation and their successors shall have full power and authority to make, have, and use one common seal, with such devise and inscription as they shall think fit and proper, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure.

Section 3. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid. That the said corporation and their successors, by the name, style and title, aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court, or before any Judge or Justice, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, matters, and demands, of whatsoever nature, kind and form they may be, and all and every matter and thing to do in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic and corporate within this Commonwealth may or can do.

Section 5. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation and their successors shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, ordain, and establish by-laws and ordinances,

and do everything incident and needful for the support and due government of the said corporation, and managing the funds and revenues thereof: *Provided*, That said by-laws be not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, to this act, or to the Constitution, laws and regulations of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Section 6. And be it further enacted by the authority of the aforesaid, That the said corporation shall consist of five persons, neither more nor less, who shall be members of the Reformed Church, and continue to be members of the said corporation for the term of five years each, the term of office to end always on the first day of January; and the said Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States shall annually change one-fifth of the said board or corporation, in such manner as to the said Synod shall seem proper, but the same person may not be re-elected until after he shall have ceased to be a member of the said board or corporation for at least one year. *Provided*, however, That the aforesaid Trustees shall continue in office as follows: One of them until the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, one until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, one until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, one until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and one until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six; these different terms of office to be distributed by lot or otherwise by the said corporation among themselves at their first meeting; and further, if the place of any member of the said corporation be made vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the remaining members of the said corporation, at the first meeting held, at which such vacancy shall become known, to elect and appoint a person who is a member of the Reformed Church to the office of Trustee, or a member of the said corporation, who shall, however, hold

office only for the unexpired term of the member creating such vacancy, and the person thus elected by the said corporation shall not be re-eligible to the body aforesaid until after he has ceased to be a Trustee for the period of at least one year; further, if the Synod aforesaid fail during any year to change the one-fifth vacancy occurring on the first day of January according to the provisions and restrictions of this act, this vacancy shall be filled by the said corporation, and the person thus elected and appointed shall be a member of the said corporation for the term of five years.

Section 7. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the corporation aforesaid shall have power and authority to manage and dispose of all money, goods, chattels, lands, tenements, and hereditaments and other estate whatsoever, committed to their care and trust by the said Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; but in cases where special instructions for the management and disposal thereof shall be given by the said Synod, in writing, under the hand of their clerk, it shall be the duty of the said corporation to act according to such instructions: *Provided*, The said instructions shall not be repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, or to the provisions and restrictions in this act contained.

Section 8. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the corporation shall and may have a President, a Vice President, who shall also be the Secretary or Clerk, and a Treasurer; the President and Vice President to be chosen by the said corporation out of their own number as often as they shall see proper, and according to the rules by them to be prescribed, but the Treasurer to be elected annually by said Synod, from year to year so long as he continues to be a member of the said corporation. And the said corporation shall have authority to appoint such other officers and servants as shall by them, the said corporation, be deemed necessary; to all of which officers the said cor-

poration may assign such a compensation for the services and such duties to be performed by them, to continue in office for such time and to be succeeded by others in such way, the Treasurer being excepted, conformably to the provision of this act, as the said corporation shall direct.

Section 9. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That three members of this board or corporation, whereof the President, or in his absence, the Vice President, shall be one, shall be a sufficient number to transact the business thereof, and to make by-laws, rules, and regulations; *Provided*, That previous to any meeting of the board or corporation for such purposes not appointed by adjournment, ten days notice shall be previously given thereof by a circular, sent by mail or otherwise, to each member of the corporation.

Section 10. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall keep regular and fair entries of their proceedings, and a just account of their receipts and disbursements, in a book or books to be provided for that purpose; and their Treasurer shall, once in every year, exhibit to the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, an exact state of the accounts of the corporation.

Section 11. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation may take, receive, purchase, possess, any enjoy messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, and other hereditaments, real and personal estate of any amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars yearly value; but the said limitations not to be considered as including the annual collections and voluntary contributions made in the churches under the care of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The committee, consisting of Revs. F. K. Levan, W. E. Krebs, and Elder W. J. Bear, was continued, with instructions to have this document legally executed.

This committee reported a year later as follows:

"Your committee appointed for the purpose of having the Charter, adopted by the Synod, confirmed by an

act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report that they have successfully discharged that duty.

"At the suggestion of Speaker Wallace of the Senate, one or two technical changes were made. The Charter appears as Bill No. 794, page 881, of the pamphlet laws of the State for the year 1871."

The first board of Trustees, elected under this constitution, was as follows: C. M. Boush, five years; W. E. Schmertz, four years; J. B. Kniest, three years; J. I. Swander, two years; and George Reiter, Sr., one year.

At a meeting during the sessions held in the Second Reformed Church, of Greensburg, Pa., in October, 1871, the board organized by the election of C. M. Boush, President, and J. B. Kneist, Vice President and Secretary.

At the close of the preliminary meeting of Synod in February, 1870, the officers were instructed to procure a seal for the use of the body.

The officers of Synod, through Rev. F. K. Levan, reported the result of their examination of the matter of the seal at the first annual meeting at Buffalo, in November, 1870. A committee consisting of Revs. F. K. Levan and W. E. Krebs, was instructed to procure a seal. This committee reported as follows at the second annual meeting, at Greensburg in October, 1871:

"Your committee appointed to secure a suitable seal for this Synod would report as follows: We selected for the design the figure of a Dove bearing an Olive Branch, with the words, Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., 1870, surrounding the same. Both the seal and a suitable press for it are now at the disposal of the Synod."

Thus the Pittsburgh Synod was fairly launched on its career of service for the Kingdom of God.

CHAPTER XIII

OFFICERS OF SYNOD—YOUNG MEN ENTERING THE MINISTRY FROM THIS TERRITORY

The Synod was organized in Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 11th, 1870: Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D., President, pro tem. The Rev. F. K. Levan was elected President. The annual meetings and Presidents are as follows:

1870	Zion's	Buffalo, N. Y.	Rev. D. Willers
1871	Second	Greensburg	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker
1872	Zion's	Greenville	Rev. William Rupp
1873	St. Paul's	Titusville	Rev. J. I. Swander
1874	Trinity	Berlin	Rev. T. J. Barkley
1875	St. Luke's	Kittanning	Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher
1876	First	Irwin	Rev. J. W. Love
1877	St. Paul's	Meadville	Rev. J. H. Apple
1878	St. Peter's	St. Petersburg	Rev. J. M. Titzel
1879	Grace	Pittsburgh	Rev. A. E. Truxal
1880	St. John's	Centerville	Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher
1881	Second	Greensburg	Rev. John McConnell
1882	Trinity	Red Bank	Rev. Frederick Pilgrim
1883	St. Luke's	Kittanning	Rev. David B. Lady
1884	St. Peter's	Mt. Pleasant	Rev. C. U. Heilman
1885	Trinity	Berlin	Rev. H. F. Keener
1886	St. Paul's	Butler	Rev. J. F. Snyder
1887	Zion's	Greenville	Rev. S. Z. Beam
1888	Amity	Meyersdale	Rev. H. King
1889	First	Greensburg	Rev. A. R. Kremer
1890	St. Paul's	Meadville	Rev. J. F. Wiant
1891	Christ	Latrobe	Rev. A. J. Heller
1892	First	Irwin	Rev. R. C. Bowling
1893	Zion's	Greenville	Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.
1894	Second	Greensburg	Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D.
1895	St. Paul's	Butler	Rev. D. H. Leader
1896	Christ	Latrobe	Rev. S. T. Wagner
1897	Trinity	Wilkesburg	Rev. T. S. Land
1898	St. Peter's	St. Petersburg	Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D.
1899	St. Peter's	DuBois	Rev. E. S. Hassler
1900	St. John's	Evans City	Rev. D. N. Harnish
1901	Amity	Meyersdale	Rev. A. M. Kiefer

1902	Grace	Jeannette	Rev. D. A. Souders
1903	St. Luke's	Kittanning	Rev. H. D. Darbaker
1904	Trinity	Berlin	Rev. C. R. Ferner
1905	Christ	Latrobe	Rev. R. E. Crum
1906	Zion's	Greenville	Rev. C. M. Hartzell
1907	Second	Greensburg	Rev. W. J. Muir
1908	Trinity	Wilkinsburg	Rev. E. P. Skyles
1909	Amity	Meyersdale	Rev. Lewis Robb, D. D.
1910	St. Paul's	Butler	Rev. J. M. Evans
1911	St. John's	Johnstown	Rev. D. Snyder Stephen
1912	Zion's	Greenville	Rev. A. K. Kline
1913	St. Peter's	DuPois	Rev. S. U. Waugaman
1914	Grace	Jeannette	Rev. Henry H. Wiant
1915	St. John's	Evans City	Rev. John W. Pontius
1916	Amity	Meyersdale	Rev. Albert B. Bauman
1917	Zion's	Greenville	Rev. Edw. S. Bromer
1918	St. Paul's	Somerset	Rev. David J. Wolf
1919	Grace	Jeannette	Rev. Wm. A. McClellan

VICE PRESIDENTS

No Vice President Was Elected Until 1882

1882—Rev. W. J. Knappenberger	1901—Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner
1883—	1902—Elder H. F. Texter
1884—Rev. J. F. Wiant	1903—Rev. A. K. Kline
1885—Rev. J. M. Evans	1904—Rev. R. E. Crum
1886—Elder S. C. Remsburg	1905—Rev. A. K. Kline
1887—Rev. H. D. Darbaker	1906—Rev. Lewis Robb
1888—Rev. Lucian Cort	1907—Rev. J. L. Barnhart
1889—Rev. N. H. Skyles	1908—Rev. H. Holliger
1890—Rev. A. E. Truxal	1909—Rev. A. K. Kline
1891—Rev. T. S. Land	1910—Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B. D.
1892—Elder J. M. Conroy	1911—Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner
1893—Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.	1912—Elder H. F. Texter
1894—Elder W. R. Barnhart	1913—Elder P. W. Siebert
1895—Rev. H. D. Darbaker	1914—Elder W. H. Kretchman
1896—Rev. John M. Evans	1915—Rev. H. S. Garner
1897—Rev. H. D. Darbaker	1916—Rev. W. C. Sykes
1898—Rev. A. M. Keifer	1917—Elder V. A. Barnhart
1899—Rev. D. A. Souders	1918—Rev. David Dunn
1900—Rev. J. Grant Walter	1919—Rev. E. M. Dietrich

STATED CLERKS

1870-1872—Rev. Walter E. Krebs	1875-1884—Rev. H. F. Keener
1872-1875—Rev. J. A. Hoffheins	1884-1894—Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D.
1895—	—Rev. J. Harvey Mickley, D. D.

TREASURERS

1870-1875—Elder W. E. Schmertz	1899-1903—Rev. D. H. Leader
1875-1887—Elder T. J. Craig	1903-1908—Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D.
1887-1893—Elder C. M. Boush	1908-Jan. 1912—Rev. W. C. Sykes
1893-1894—Elder R. S. Jamison	Jan. 1912-1915—Rev. C. L. Noss
1894-1899—Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D.	1915-1920—Rev. Frank Wetzel

NAMES OF MEN ENTERING THE MINISTRY FROM THE SECTION OF PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Thomas G. Apple	Ralph J. Harrity	Albert Naly
Joseph H. Apple	Andor Harsanyi	J. N. Naly
A. T. G. Apple	C. M. Hartzell	H. S. Nicholson
S. A. Alt	E. S. Hay	
John F. Blair	B. K. Hay	R. J. Pilgrim
Thomas J. Barkley	E. F. Hoffmeier	J. W. Pontius
J. L. Barnhart	J. C. Horning	P. R. Pontius
Benoni Bates		Lewis Reiter
H. L. Beam	John Hoyman	A. O. Reiter
R. C. Bowling	Conrad Iffert	Paul B. Rupp
C. W. Brugh		Casper Scheel
I. N. Burger	J. O. Johnson	J. M. Schick
Percy C. Byers	Wm. R. Jones	L. W. Showers
Wm. H. Cogley	Victor H. Jones	C. G. Shupe
Wm. Conrad		Dennis Sipple
Lucian Cort	H. F. Keener	Simon Sipple
Cyrus Cort	U. O. H. Kerschner	E. P. Skyles
R. E. Crum	W. H. Kerschner	M. A. Smith
H. D. Darbaker	Hiram King	J. F. Snyder
J. G. Dengler	A. K. Kline	A. C. Snyder
C. R. Dieffenbacher	J. C. Knable	H. E. Snyder
E. H. Dieffenbacher	J. W. Knappenberger	I. G. Snyder
D. S. Dieffenbacher	Benj. Knepper	R. M. Stahl
John W. Ebbinghaus	I. U. E. Kunkle	F. K. Stamm
E. E. Emhoff		T. F. Stauffer
Chas. H. Faust	F. E. Lauffer	W. D. Stoyer
C. R. Ferner	L. B. Leasure	
W. S. Fisher	Wm. F. Lichliter	A. E. Truxal
O. P. Foust	W. E. Ludwick	
W. W. Foust		J. S. Wagner
A. S. Glessner	J. P. Mahnenschmidt	J. J. Wagoner
C. T. Glessner	W. D. Marburger	J. G. Walter
James Grant	D. E. Master	S. U. Waugaman
Daniel Gress	H. S. Maxwell	E. E. Weller
F. E. M. Grove	R. F. McMeekin	J. B. Welty
C. Gumbert	A. J. Miller	J. F. Wiant
G. D. Gurley	C. J. Musser	H. H. Wiant

CHATER XIV

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS

The ministers and elders and members af the church who were active in securing the organization of the Pittsburgh Synod had certain convictions with regard to the mission and work of the Synod which it may be worthwhile to mention. These were the development of educational religion, as over against emotionalism, or rather the laying of undue stress on the emotional element in religion; the creation and support of a college for young men, and, later on, of a college for girls and possibly, eventually, of a theological seminary; and the doing of a large amount of Home Missionary work in this rapidly developing section of Pennsylvania.

As to church consciousness, the views of the largest number of the pastors and people are well brought out in the first report on the state of the church, which was written by Rev. Mr. Rupp of Berlin, a considerable portion of which will be found in Chapter XII, of this book.

Mr. Rupp expressed the views of a large majority of the members of Synod. They have held them consistently up to the present time. One can see the influence of Mercersburg Theology in the report, and perhaps of Dr. Nevin's tract on the Anxious Bench, and of the Heidelberg Catechism. Time, however, has produced some change, which has come about almost imperceptably. The sharp antagonism between the emotional and educational systems of religion is no longer felt as it once was. The parties have approached each other. The best features in each system have been, at least to some extent, recognized and appropriated by the advocates of the other.

The ministers were for the most part conservatively

liturgical and churchly. A free service has been the rule in nearly all the churches, except on special occasions, such as: the Lord's Supper, Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination and Installation, Cornerstone Laying, Church Dedication, Marriage and the Funeral Service. In a few congregations the Order of Worship is used at the morning service; and its introduction occasioned very little friction, and, in most cases, none at all. The delegates to the General Synod from this body generally voted with the liturgical element when the controversy was at its height.

All along, the pastors educated at Mercersburg and Lancaster and the few who have come from other schools have worked together in the greatest harmony. This is no doubt due to the fact that the practical things of the church were emphasized, rather than the theoretical. The bringing of men to Christ and the introduction of them into the church and the promotion of their growth in faith and piety, and the devotion of a considerable portion of their interest and time and money to the service of God, were the objectives held up before themselves and the people by the pastors, rather than absolute correctness in speculative doctrines or highly artistic forms in the conduct of divine worship. Aggressiveness, with peace and prosperity, has marked the course of the Synod throughout its history.

The old Westmoreland Classis was looking forward to the establishment of an educational institution as a reason for and a much desired result of the organization of a new synod. The Classis had appointed a commission, in January, 1867, to visit Clarion and St. Paul's Classes to discuss with their members the prospect of a new synod and the founding of an educational institution. Here are a few sentences from their report, showing what was in the minds of the brethren.

"Your delegates appointed to attend the last annual meeting of the Clarion and St. Paul Classes with instructions to call their attention to the creation of a district synod in western Pennsylvania, and to urge their favorable consideration of it; also, and chiefly, to present the claims of higher Christian education, as this

is beginning to receive attention among us, would respectfully report: We had the pleasure of attending the meetings of said Classes and were most kindly and fraternally received, and were invited to take part in their deliberations, which were earnest and important in their character. So much are they in sympathy with the churchly spirit of our Classis that we felt quite at home among them."

This was the action of the Clarion Classis:

"Resolved, That this Classis has heard with interest the remarks of the delegation from Westmoreland Classis, and this Classis extend its sympathy and cooperation, so far as the way may be open to do so, in the establishment of an endowed college within the bounds of the contemplated District Synod."

Similar action was taken by St. Paul's Classis.

At the preliminary meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod, in February, 1870, a committee on educational institutions was raised, which reported as follows, near the close of the meeting:

"Whereas, By the constitution each district synod is empowered to maintain or establish such theological and other institutions within its bounds as it may deem necessary: and Whereas, the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg, under the care of Clarion Classis, is in active operation, and the Westmoreland College is about being placed in the same condition;

"Therefore, Resolved:

"1. That these two institutions be recommended to the patronage of our people.

"2. That a committee of seven, four ministers and three elders, be appointed by this Synod to take the general educational interests of this Synod into consideration, and to propose a plan as to place and manner of getting up a literary institution in behalf of this section of the church and report at the next annual meeting of this body."

The committee called for in the report was appointed

and consisted of Revs. W. E. Krebs, Joseph G. Shoemaker, J. B. Kniest, T. J. Barkley, and Elders W. J. Bear, D. S. Dieffenbacher and Christian Siebert.

At the first annual meeting of Synod, which was held in Buffalo in November, 1870, this committee offered the following comprehensive report, expressing the sentiments of the members of Synod on the subject of education and outlining an educational policy for her future guidance:

“The subject is one of vital importance. It has a direct bearing upon the great work entrusted to this Synod of developing and furthering the interests of the church within its bounds, for the promotion of man’s salvation and the glory of God. By no other single means can it better accomplish this than by establishing a good literary institution, such as will meet its wants. Such an institution will serve as a center to bind the Synod, which is now quite a compact body as to territory, still more closely together, drawing pupils and parents to itself from every part, and diffusing Christian light and learning back to its utmost bounds.

“What our church needs to become still more efficient in the Master’s cause, is just the awakening of its people to a sense of the great powers still slumbering in its bosom. The more the light of Christian learning shines abroad, the more energetic will our people be in working for the church and the spread of Christ’s kingdom. That we have not been as prosperous outwardly and vigorous as some denominations around us, not as old as ourselves, is owing no doubt as much to past remissness in this direction, as to any other one cause. A Christian literary institution that will be able to reach in its influence our hundreds of families, would soon be felt as a mighty power in the Synod, which would be seen in the increased activity and zeal of the people in every department of Christian work.

“Let these statements be admitted, and it becomes a

matter of solemn duty for this Synod to make suitable provision for these wants of her children.

“As to the kind of institution that our needs require, we may remark, in the first place, that it should be one that will fall in with the general plan of education of the church at large, with respect to institutions both of a lower and higher grade. It should be of such a character and possess such advantages as to draw students continually from local classical schools, which might easily be sustained in every well-populated district or community. The Synodical School in turn should look to something higher than itself, to a central institution of the church at large, or a university, which is now the longing of many of our learned men to establish.

“In the second place, our institution should be for both males and females. Our girls and young ladies need to be educated as well as our boys and young men. Should the time come when we will feel ourselves able, and see any necessity therefor, we can easily then establish two separate institutions. But for a synodical school of the kind proposed, there are some advantages in the educating of the sexes together that can not otherwise be enjoyed. Members of the same family could be educated at the same place and the prevalence of family life, so desirable at this formative period of human existence, would be more attainable, including as it does the cultivation of good manners and habits for the mingling in society. Wherever this plan has been properly tried, it has proved an entire success. In such an institution we would be able to fit young men for all the ordinary pursuits in life, as well as provide a full course in the case of young ladies.

“Parents and guardians, after securing for their children or wards all the benefits which their local schools afford, still see the importance of sending daughters and sons abroad for one, two, or three years to some higher institution, to enjoy advantages they cannot enjoy at home. Besides, the majority cannot have even good local schools near enough to board their children at home. If

we do not make proper provisions for their wants they will either be compelled to send them away to a great distance, which many are loath to do, or else to institutions of other churches, whereby they frequently become lost altogether to their own. No other church can provide for our own children as well as we can provide for them ourselves.

"In the next place, our institution should be properly and permanently located from the beginning. In this respect we ought to learn a wholesome lesson from our past experience. Such a location should be selected as would, in all respects, looking to the future as well as to the present, meet most fully the wants of the Synod as a whole. To this end it should be centrally located in order to draw its patronage from our whole territory, and not so much from any one particular point. It should be on the line of a railroad, so as to be readily accessible from all directions. It should be so situated as to be able to reap the benefits both of country and city life.

"The city of Pittsburgh is confessedly the centre of commercial life for the territory covered by this Synod. All the railways in this section of the state center there. Our Synod itself is fitly called after its name. It is the home of immense wealth: its importance is continually increasing; its influence is felt and universally acknowledged. Some location in the country within easy and frequent access by rail to the city, seems to be a natural suggestion.

"In the last place, our institution should be equal to the best in its class in other churches. This we can make it, by concentrating all our efforts upon it, such as no mere local school could possibly be. Each department should be presided over by a competent teacher, and every facility afforded, for all who desire, to pursue music, painting and other extra branches. The expenses should be moderate so as to be within reach of men of moderate means. But, in addition to all this, it should be a positively Christian school, not in any sense of a sectarian character, but in such sense as to afford the pupils the opportunity at least of enjoying all the blessings and privileges of the

church. For this purpose, a congregation might be organized in connection with the school, and thus have the students confronted all the time with the realities of religion, in the ordinances of God's house. This feature is successfully and with highly satisfactory results, carried out both at Lancaster, and Mercersburg. It can not easily be overvalued. Pupils are away at school mostly from the age of twelve to twenty, a critical period in their lives, the very period in which they ought to attend catechetical instruction and be admitted to full communion with the church. Children no less than their parents need the Bread of Life for their growth in grace. While their mental development is attended to, full provision should also be made for their spiritual wants. Education divorced from religion, as it is coming to be universally felt, will fail of its end.

"The management and control of the institution should be left in the hands of a Board of Trustees, elected by Synod. This body should not be large, as experience teaches us that a small number of men, active and zealous, is far more efficient than a large number, living so far apart as hardly to be able to get together, even once a year, to form a quorum. The sum of at least forty thousand dollars will be required to purchase the grounds, erect the necessary buildings, and properly furnish the same. We believe that our people will come up to this requirement, if the subject, in all its importance and bearing upon the best interests of the church, be clearly laid before them. What is most needed is for this Synod to enter heartily into this Christian enterprise, and as heartily commend it to all her people.

"Your committee, therefore, offers for consideration the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That Synod at this meeting elect nine Trustees, three for three years, three for two years, and three for one year; and three at every annual meeting thereafter, to serve for three years.

"Resolved, That the Trustees thus elected be directed

to meet in the City of Pittsburgh on the 28th day of December, 1870, in the morning at 10 o'clock, who shall elect their officers from their own number, and proceed at once to be incorporated under a proper title, and in general accordance with this action of Synod.

“Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to proceed at once to the election of a President for the institution, who shall visit our various charges and bring the matter before them, to elicit their patronage, and secure the necessary funds, or else appoint some other agent for this purpose.

“Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to proceed to the establishment of the school as soon as in their judgment the way be properly open, and to present to Synod at every meeting a report of its condition, prospects, and wants.

“Resolved that we hereby heartily commend this subject to the attention of our pastors and people.”

The following Trustees of Literary Institutions were elected at this meeting: W. E. Schmertz, W. E. Krebs, C. M. Boush, Christian Siebert, A. J. Heller, B. Wolff, T. J. Barkley, W. J. Bear, and F. K. Levan.

Some efforts were made to secure a location for a college, and to raise funds for its endowment. But there were difficulties in the way, probably the greatest of which was that no man or group of men were found with sufficient zeal for the cause and ability to undertake and carry to completion the work of starting and putting into successful operation such an institution as the leading members of Synod had in mind. Several of those most forward in advocating the establishment of a college, shortly after the Synod began its work, found employment in fields of labor outside the bounds of Synod's territory, and a Reformed college for the Pittsburgh Synod never came into existence, in all the fifty years of her history.

Within the classes eventually composing the Pitts-

burgh Synod there were however several academies under classical control and supported by the churches.

The first of these was Clarion Collegiate Institute, at Rimersburg, Clarion County, Pa. It was founded and a building for its accommodation was erected in 1859, largely through the efforts of Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, then pastor of the Curllsville-Rimersburg Charge, who canvassed the congregations of two counties and secured funds to start it on its career of usefulness, free of debt. This school lived for more than thirty years, not the most vigorous life, or in the most flourishing condition, but was at last forced to close its doors for want of patronage. Clarion County had at one time no less than seven similar academies, all but one of which went out of existence before Clarion Collegiate Institute suspended operations. The exception was Carrier Seminary, the one at the county seat, which was saved only because the State of Pennsylvania took it over and re-organized it as a State Normal School. The affairs of the Clarion Collegiate Institute were managed by Trustees elected by Clarion Classis. After the Synod came into existence this Board reported, from year to year, to the Board of Trustees of Literary Institutions of the Synod, which Board in turn reported to the Synod. Thus the Institution was, in a way, under the care of Synod, although the title to the property and the actual management of the school were in the hands of Trustees elected by the Clarion Classis.

The first principal was Rev. Lucian Cort, the second was Rev. Abner Dale. Rev. Joseph H. Apple was principal from 1861 to 1870: Rev. Charles Knepper from 1870 to 1871; R. B. Huey from 1871 to 1873; Rev. J. J. Pennypacker from 1874 to 1876; A. J. Davis from 1878 to 1881; Rev. W. W. Deatrick from Jan. 1883 to the summer of 1891; A. O. Reiter from 1891 to 1892; S. W. Kerr from 1892 to 1894; and W. L. Smith from 1895 to 1898.

It will be noticed that most of the principals remained but a short time. Dr. Joseph H. Apple was at the head of the school for nine years and Dr. W. W. Deatrick for about seven and one-half years. He went from Clarion Collegiate Institute to the Keystone State Normal School at

Kutztown, Pa., where he has occupied the chair of English and Psychology for the past twenty-five years.

Clarion Classis at its annual meeting in 1901, decided that the academy should be discontinued and the property sold, and this was finally done.

There was also an Academy at Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, under the management of the old Westmoreland Classis. Rev. F. K. Levan was principal from its beginning in 1861 to 1867, when he was elected Missionary Bishop of Westmoreland Classis, his place at the head of the Academy then being taken by Rev. John H. Sykes. This school turned out a number of students, most of whom entered more advanced schools and some of them eventually found their way into the ministry. Such were Thomas F. Stauffer, James Crawford, John O. Johnson, Albert E. Truxal, Jacob B. Welty, Alpha K. Kline, and John M. Schick. Others were Silas A. Kline, who became an attorney in Greensburg, U. M. Snyder, who became a physician in Delmont, and H. Clay Frick, the well-known coke manufacturer and millionaire.

Westmoreland College attempted to carry on its work without an endowment, and did not secure a patronage large enough to maintain itself. It had failed twice before—once as a community academy, and once under the management of the United Brethren Church. It did not succeed in maintaining itself permanently as a school of Westmoreland classis, closing its doors in 1868. Then a summer normal school was held in the building for several summers. Later, two citizens of Mt. Pleasant, a Mr. Hitchman and a Mr. Niel bought the property in 1871. They sold it to three Associations of the National Baptists, a year or two later, who, securing something of an endowment, carried on an Academy there for a good many years. There is some music taught in the building now, but the literary part of the work has long since been given up.

The Greensburg Seminary was still another Academy within the territory of Pittsburgh Synod. In 1874, Rev. Prof. Lucian Cort purchased a lot from the Clopper es-

tate on Bunker Hill, in Greensburg, for the purpose of founding a seminary for girls. Rev. J. W. Love, pastor of the Second Reformed Church of Greensburg, canvassed the town and secured money enough by selling scholarships to erect an imposing and commodious building upon this lot, and a boarding school for girls and day pupils was established. The school did good work for about fourteen years, as Professor Cort always employed good teachers. After the first few years young men were also received as pupils. Cyrus M. Hartzell prepared for the theological seminary here, and A. M. Keifer, John M. Jamison and many others for advanced classes in college.

This was in fact a private enterprise of Prof. Cort's, although the Trustees of Literary Institutions of Pittsburgh Synod had nominal control of it.

At a meeting of Synod in Butler, October 4th, 1886, Prof. Cort sent in a letter, in which he made known the fact that, owing to the continued illness of Mrs. Cort, he was desirous of withdrawing from the work and disposing of the property. This action was taken:

"1. Synod does not see its way clear to purchase the property.

"2. Synod suggests to Prof. Cort that he advertise the Seminary property in the church papers, with a view of finding a purchaser among the ministers or members of the Reformed Church, who would carry on the school in the interest of our church.

"3. That, in case no purchaser of this character can be found within a reasonable time, full liberty be given Prof. Cort to dispose of the Seminary property as he may see fit."

At the meeting of Synod at Meyersdale, September 20th, 1888, two years later, the Trustees of Literary Institutions made this statement.

"We regret to be under the necessity of reporting to

Synod that the Greensburg Seminary, at the close of the last school year, passed from the control of our Board and of this Synod, into the hands of another denomination. The long sickness and ultimate death of the wife of Prof. Cort, the owner of the property and principal of the school, created a desire on his part to sever his relations with the institution. Of this desire the Synod had been repeatedly informed, and by an action passed at a meeting of this body in Butler, two years ago, Prof. Cort was authorized to sell the institution, if a favorable opportunity should present itself, offering it first of all for a reasonable length of time, to someone who would carry it on in the interest of the Reformed Church, and afterwards, if no such purchaser could be found, to any one who would be willing to take it off his hands. These conditions were fully complied with by Prof. Cort. No one came forward, during the two years in which the institution was offered for sale, to purchase it and carry it on as a Reformed Church school. It has now been leased for a term of four years to the Lutherans, who are making it a school of their own church. The relation heretofore existing between this institution and the Pittsburgh Synod has thus come to an end, by the action of Synod and Prof. Cort."

The Lutherans carried on an academy here for a number of years with more or less success. There were, however, very frequent changes in the principalship and faculty, and their success was not permanent. In the end the property was sold to a wealthy man as a site for a home. The Academy building was torn down and a large private residence put up in its place. The street running along west of this property is, however, still called "Seminary Avenue." Should some resident of Greensburg, in the distant future, inquire the reason of this name, the answer will be found in these pages.

One of the chief reasons of the failure of these three academies under Church auspices, or rather their want

of permanent success, for they did good work while they lasted, was the rapid development of the common schools, the organization of high schools in the towns and cities and later in some of the townships, and the establishment of normal schools all over the state. These are supported by taxation and are under the supervision of the general state and county school organization. Pupils from Latrobe and Greensburg would no longer go to the academy at Mt. Pleasant when they had just as good schools at their own doors, which they could attend with no expense for tuition, and without leaving home. Hence the time came, soon after the organization of the Pittsburgh Synod, when the academy had outlived its usefulness. The Academy at Rimersburg was maintained for many years, perhaps after it could have been dispensed with without much loss to the Reformed Church.

It is well known, of course, that when the institutions now located at Lancaster were founded, the ministers and congregations of the western part of the state were members of the Eastern Synod. When therefore, the hopes of a large legacy for the founding of an institution of learning for the Pittsburgh Synod, which had been entertained for some years, failed of realization, it was thought best to unite with some of the other synods in supporting colleges and seminaries already in existence, although not located within Synod's territory, or under Synod's sole management. Eventually the charters of the college and of the theological seminary at Lancaster were so changed as to have the three eastern English synods, the Eastern, the Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, unite in the ownership, support and management of these institutions. A full account of this transaction may prove interesting.

At a meeting of Synod held at Latrobe, Sept. 30th, 1891, a committee appointed at the previous annual meeting, to define the educational policy of the Synod, made the following report, which was adopted:

"The Committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to define the educational policy of Pittsburg Synod, begs leave to report the following plan, and recommend its

adoption, and that suitable legislation be enacted from time to time to carry it out.

"1. We recognize the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, located at Lancaster, Pa., as the Theological Seminary of this Synod. We direct our students for the ministry to pursue their studies there, and we give this school of the prophets, in whose Board of Trustees we have three members and to whose Board of Visitors two of our ministers belong, our most hearty, moral and financial support.

"2. We recognize Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., as the college of this Synod, and advise all our young men to take their college course in this institution; and we recommend the college at Lancaster to our wealthy members, as a school, in every way, worthy of their gifts and bequests, to the end that it may be more liberally endowed and that it may become more and more efficient from year to year.

"3. In case it should be the good pleasure of the Eastern Synod, which now has possession and sole control of the college at Lancaster, to recognize the joint ownership of this Synod in the property, and to give us a proper representation in its management, such a disposition will be most grateful to us, and we will readily assume both the privileges and responsibilities which such joint ownership and control involve. We have not forgotten the fact that the churches in the bounds of our Synod formerly belonged to the Eastern Synod and shared in the ownership and control of both seminary and college, now in Lancaster, and that in recent years these institutions received a valuable bequest from our portion of the church. In view of these facts and of the action hereinbefore recommended, it is resolved that this synod do now appoint a committee of three of her members to confer with similar committees from the Eastern and Potomac Synods, and we direct said joint committee to formulate a plan by which such changes in the charters of the college and seminary at Lancaster may be made as shall provide for the joint ownership and management of these institutions by the three synods interested.

"A copy of this action shall be communicated to the

Eastern and Potomac Synods, and they are asked to appoint committees to confer with the committee of Pittsburgh Synod, above-named, with reference to the matters hereinbefore mentioned."

Revs. William Rupp, and David B. Lady, and C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., were appointed to represent the Pittsburgh Synod on the joint committee called for in the third resolution of the above report.

The Eastern Synod responded favorably to the suggestions of the Pittsburgh Synod, as found in this legislation and the Synod of the Potomac also fell in with the movement, each of these synods also appointing committees. The joint committee at a meeting held in Lancaster, June 13th, 1882, after careful deliberation, took the following action:

I. Franklin and Marshall College.

"Resolved 1. That the ownership of the property of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., and the management of the institution be vested, as heretofore, in a Board of Trustees consisting of thirty persons, to be held in trust for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to be carried forward in their interest; and that the charter of the college be so changed as to give the Eastern Synod the right of electing twelve, the Pittsburgh Synod three, and the Synod of the Potomac six members of the Board of Trustees, the remaining nine members to be chosen by the Board itself; the term of office of said Trustees to be as heretofore, ten years.

II. The Theological Seminary.

"Resolved 2. That the ownership of the property of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Lancaster, Pa., be vested in a Board of Trustees, consisting of eighteen laymen, to be held in trust for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, to be managed by them in the interest of these three Synods; and that the Charter be so changed as to give the Eastern Synod the right of electing nine, the

Pittsburgh Synod three, and the Synod of the Potomac six of such Trustees; the full term of service of such Trustees to be six years, but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement, the term of one-third shall be only four years and one-third only two years.

"Resolved 3. That there be, as heretofore, a Board of Visitors, consisting of twelve Ministers, six of whom shall be elected by the Eastern Synod, two by the Pittsburgh Synod, and four by the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, who shall perform the duties of said Board as designated by the three Synods interested, and as set forth in the articles of incorporation; the full term of service of said Visitors shall be four years, but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement, the term of one-half shall be only two years."

The action of the joint committee was reported to Pittsburgh Synod at the annual meeting held in Irwin on Sept. 28th, 1892, and was adopted. The other two Synods also took favorable action on the subject, and the State Legislature amended the charters so as to include the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac in the ownership, support and management of the College and Seminary at Lancaster.

Thus the educational policy of the Pittsburgh Synod, as far as the College and Theological Seminary are concerned, was formally settled in 1893, twenty-three years after her synodical career began. As the Synod had been sending nearly all her students to Lancaster from the beginning, the action taken was most natural and sensible, in fact, just what might have been expected, under all the circumstances of the case, from a body of men as practical as are the ministers and elders of this synod.

It is said that someone once wrote a history of Ireland, and that the heading of one of the chapters was: "Snakes," and that under that heading was the sentence: "There are no snakes in Ireland." Only this and nothing more. The reader, if anyone ever reads this book, might be of the opinion that the writer might have imitated the Irish historian, and written, under the heading: "Literary

Institutions"—"There are no Literary Institutions in the Pittsburgh Synod." This would at least have been brief, and the truth.

Following the example of Franklin and Marshall College and the Seminary at Lancaster, Hood College for young ladies located at Frederick, Md., founded by the Synod of the Potomac some twenty-six years ago, in which many girls from western Pennsylvania had been educated for over twenty years, sought a closer union, a few years ago, with the Pittsburgh Synod.

At a meeting of the Synod of the Potomac, held in Altoona, Oct. 27th, 1914, the following action was taken:

"Resolved: That this Synod at this time overture the Pittsburgh Synod to join the Synod of the Potomac in the control and support of Hood College; and that if such overture is favorably received Pittsburgh Synod be requested to appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee of this Synod."

In connection with this action Potomac Synod appointed a committee consisting of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. A. S. Dechant, Elders George A. Robb, Jacob Rohrbach, and J. H. Apple to co-operate with Pittsburgh Synod's committee. In a statement to the Pittsburgh Synod, Prof. J. H. Apple said: "I would commend this overture to your earnest, and, I hope, favorable consideration, and for your information on any details of the question there will be present two members of the committee who will gladly speak of the College and its work, either in committee or open session of the Synod. Praying that you may be guided into such action as may be for the highest interests of the kingdom."

To this overture the Pittsburgh Synod made the following response:

"a. Resolved, that Pittsburgh Synod, without at this time committing itself to any definite action in the matter, nevertheless is ready to give the proposition respectful and due consideration and therefore authorizes the president of Synod to appoint a conference committee of five, to meet a similar committee already appointed by the Synod of the Potomac.

"b. Resolved, that said committee be instructed to

report the actions of the joint meeting to the next annual meeting of Synod or to a special meeting called for the purpose."

These committees met in Frederick, Md., Oct. 22d, 1915: and this is their report, made to the Pittsburgh Synod at its annual meeting, in Meyersdale, Oct. 11th, 1916:

"After careful deliberation the following action was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, First. That this committee of conference recommend to the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods that the two Synods join in the control and support of Hood College, Frederick, Md.

"Resolved, Second. That for the carrying out of the purpose of this resolution the Synods request the Board of Directors of Hood College to secure such amendments to its charter as to make the Board consist of eighteen members, six to be elected by the Potomac Synod, six by Pittsburgh Synod, and the remaining six by the twelve thus elected.

"Your committee therefore begs leave to present this action as its report, with the recommendation that Pittsburgh Synod approve and adopt the resolutions of this committee and take such action as may be necessary to complete the plans.

"The history of Hood College, its new site and valuable grounds, its present prosperous condition, the large new buildings, already filled to overflowing, the comprehensive plans for future enlargement, the wise management and direction—all prophesy the bright future of the institution of which the Synod may justly be proud. It is not a decadent and languishing college likely to be a constant burden, but one that has in it every promise of successfully filling one of the most important fields of modern education in the Reformed Church. The committee heartily recommends the favorable action of Synod."

The Synod took this action, reported by the standing committee on educational institutions:

"There was also referred to our committee the report of the committee appointed by your body at the Synod

of 1915 to confer with a similar committee of the Potomac Synod in regard to the control and support of Hood College, located at Frederick, Md.

"After due deliberation your committee asks:

"1. That the report of your committee be adopted, thereby Pittsburgh Synod becoming partner in the control and support of the above mentioned college.

"2. That the directors asked for in the said report be referred to the Committee on Nominations, two for elected for one year, two for two years and two for three years.

"3. That the representatives from our Synod be composed of three ministers and three laymen."

A change in the charter of Hood College was secured to make it conform to the above legislation on the part of the two Synods interested.

The following persons were in due time, at this meeting, elected to represent the Pittsburgh Synod as Trustees of Hood College; E. P. Skyles, A. E. Truxal, Lewis Robb, E. P. Hay, H. F. Texter, and John E. Kunkle. Later, by the Trustees themselves E. S. Bromer was made a Trustee.

Thus the Pittsburgh Synod also acquired an interest in a school for girls.

It is felt now on all sides, in the Synod, that the policy here set forth at length, is the wisest that, under all the circumstances of the case, could have been adopted. As the people of the Synod look at it, it is better to have one good strong college, and one well managed and flourishing girl's school, and one fully endowed and equipped theological seminary, even though the students must travel farther to reach them, than a number of weak schools nearer home.

At a meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod in Greenville in 1872, in response to an overture from the Board of Trustees of the seminary at Lancaster, Pa., the Synod agreed to take part in the support and management of that institution. The seminary agent came into the field and collected about \$1,700, towards the endowment of a chair in the Seminary to be known as Pittsburgh Synod's Chair.

Many years later the Synod decided to complete the endowment of this chair. A committee, of which Rev. David B. Lady was chairman, began work on this project in January, 1891, and the task was practically completed by January, 1894, when Synod's first professor began his work in the Seminary. The amount contributed for this purpose, including the \$1,700, secured about 1872, with accrued interest on the same, was \$33,650.

In the fall of 1904 the Synods controlling the Seminary took measures to increase its endowment. A committee of the three Synods met in Lancaster on January 12th, 1905, and agreed that an effort should be made to secure \$150,000 for this purpose. Dr. J. C. Bowman was prevailed upon to undertake the work, and obtained from the ministers of Pittsburgh Synod \$6,462.00, and from its laymen \$19,865.26, a total of \$26,327.26.

In 1915 the Board of Trustees asked the Synods to make provision for the erection of a dormitory and refectory for the use of the seminary. Pittsburgh Synod approved the project at the annual meeting of that year in Evans City. Through the efforts of Dr. Bowman \$13,892.27 was contributed by the people of the Synod for the dormitory, and one individual gave \$1,000 towards the Library Annex. The Synod also contributed \$350 for the purchase of a lot.

The contributions to the seminary for permanent improvements and endowment are as follows:

From the Wilhelm Estate.....	\$ 13,333.00
Pittsburgh Synod's Chair.....	33,650.00
Increased Endowment.....	26,327.26
Dormitory and Refectory.....	13,892.27
Library Annex.....	1,000.00
Purchase of Lot.....	350 00
Total	\$ 88,552.53

There was given for permanent improvements and endowment of Franklin and Marshall as nearly as can be ascertained in the absence of data furnished by the authorities, the following sums:

From the Wilhelm Estate.....	\$ 26,667.00
For the Erection of the Science Building	12,000.00
For Equipment of the Science Building.....	5,000.00
Philip Daubenspeck, Annuity.....	5,000.00
Mrs. and Miss Wolff.....	2,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. Buchheit.....	1,000 00
Collected by Professor Hartman for the Academy Building and Endowment.....	35,000.00
Collected by Mr. W. R. Barnhart for Endowment...	15,000.00
Fred W. Biesecker, for a Gymnasium.....	30,000.00
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Total.....	\$131,667.00

So far very few contributions have been made to Hood College by members of Pittsburgh Synod.

A good many years ago Mr. Abraham Beam, of Somerset County, set aside a farm, the proceeds of which were to be used for the education of young men for the ministry, at the Eastern Seminary. The coal under the farm has lately been sold for \$150,000. This is an additional contribution from Pittsburgh Synod to the support of the Seminary.

There are about 1800 acres of coal belonging to the Wilhelm Estate which came to Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary, which will probably soon come into market and from which the institutions expect to realize a large sum, from one quarter to three quarters of a million dollars.

CHAPTER XV.

ST. PAUL'S ORPHANS' HOME.

The minds of the ministers and people of the church in western Pennsylvania were turned to the matter of establishing a home for orphan children at a comparatively early date. Already in 1859, Clarion Classis called the attention of the Synod of the United States, of which Synod this Classis was a member at that time, to the importance of establishing an Orphan Asylum. This was several years before the founding of the Orphans' Home at Bridesburg, near Philadelphia, by Rev. Emanuel Boehringer, which is now the "Bethany Orphans' Home," located at Womelsdorf, Pa.

At a meeting of St. Paul's Classis held in Harmony, June 1st, 1865, a request for contributions from a Home in Centre County was presented. To this the Classis replied:

"The Orphans' Cause is one, in the nature of the case, that lies near to the heart of every member of this Classis. Since the idea of such a Home originated in Clarion Classis, which was then composed of what is now Clarion and St. Paul's Classes of the German Reformed Church, our warmest sympathies, best wishes, and earnest prayers are with the founder of this particular Home, brought to our notice. We will also cheerfully encourage individual contributions thereto, but, as a Classis, cannot see our way clear to pledge ourselves for any special amount of money, since we feel the need of such a Home in our own midst."

These are the first two notices on record that the people of the Reformed Church of this district were thinking of an Orphans' Home.

At the next meeting of St. Paul's Classis, held in Butler, June 1st, 1866, a committee was appointed to consider the propriety of establishing an Orphans' Home within



ST. PAUL'S ORPHANS' HOME—ORIGINAL BUILDING, 1867



ST. PAUL'S ORPHANS' HOME-NEW BUILDINGS, 1910

the bounds of the Classis. This committee, of which Rev. George B. Russell had become chairman, reported at the next annual meeting of Classis, held in Brown's Church, Crawford County, Pa., May 30th, 1867, that a property had been purchased from Elder Christian Siebert of Pittsburgh and Butler on the outskirts of the town of Butler, for the contemplated institution. It seems that this property had come into the market rather suddenly, and Rev. C. A. Limberg, the Reformed pastor at Butler, having become aware of the fact, made it known to Rev. Russell, and the latter purchased it for the Classis, largely on his own responsibility. The Classis sustained the purchase of this property by Mr. Russell and Mr. Limberg, and the Home, in a short time, became an established fact.

Rev. Mr. Carl August Limberg became the first superintendent and Mrs. Limberg the first matron. They moved into the building on the 10th of October, 1867 and the first children were received on the 29th of November of that year.

It took several years to secure the money to pay for the property, some eight or nine thousand dollars, and to raise money to support indigent orphan children; but the obstructions in the way slowly vanished before the faith and aggressiveness of those interested in the enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Limberg were succeeded some four years later, by Rev. J. B. Thompson and wife, and they in 1877 by Rev. Thomas F. Stauffer and wife. In 1882 Rev. P. C. Prugh and his wife became the fourth superintendent and matron. Dr. Prugh was superintendent for twenty-one years. Rev. D. H. Leader was the fifth incumbent, and Mrs. Leader the fifth matron. In 1909, Rev. A. M. Keifer became the superintendent and his wife, matron, a position which he still holds at this writing, but Mrs. Keifer was called to the better land about two years ago.

The St. Paul's Classis soon asked Clarion and Westmoreland Classes to join in the ownership, management and support of the Home, which they did, and Pittsburgh

Synod, having been organized in 1870, was asked by these Classes to take the institution under its control. All this is set forth in detail in a "History of the Home," published in 1917, as a part of the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary.

Among the orphans taken care of, for many years, in this institution were the children of deceased soldiers, not only of those who lost their lives during the Civil War, from 1861 to 1865, but of many who died later. Under different acts of the Pennsylvania Legislature soldiers' orphans were supported by the state. Such support came to St. Paul's, and for a long time a large part of its income was derived from this source. The charity of the churches in this direction developed but slowly and it would, for many years, have been impossible to maintain many children without such state aid. This, however, eventually came to an end; and it was fortunate that, in the meantime, the membership of the Synod had grown in numbers and in grace, to such an extent, as to enable the Home to live without the aid of the state. Of course, the income was not always sufficient to meet the expense of maintainance each year. Debts accumulated; but by special effort means were secured to clear off all incumbrances shortly before the celebration of the Home's half century anniversary.

From time to time repairs and additions were made to the original buildings, or new buildings erected, and additional land purchased. The town of Butler, also through oil and gas developments, eventually became a center of industry, and new streets were laid out and many new buildings erected in the direction of the Home grounds. The property grew in value by what economists call unearned increment; and the Directors, supported by the Synod, thought best to sell out and locate elsewhere. The real estate was sold on July 3d, 1906, for seventy-five thousand dollars. A large farm, called the Walker farm, with several other small tracts, some 300 acres altogether, near Greenville, Mercer County, Pa.,

was purchased on the 16th day of December, 1907, for \$13,856.00. To this was added about seven acres more, several years later, at a cost of \$1,400.

The farm had on it a large house and barn, somewhat old and out of repair. The fences were bad. The old buildings were put in order and new fences built, and new buildings put up to accomodate the orphan family, at an expense, including the land, of \$99,751.41. This left a debt on the property of something over \$20,000, including an old debt of something like \$5,000; but it has all been paid since, as noticed above. A furnishing fund was begun and liberal contributions sent in for it, as well as for a number of other funds. The family moved into the new building on February 24th, 1909, and housekeeping began on a new and larger scale in buildings specially adapted and equipped for the purpose with all modern conveniences.

Rev. Charles R. Ferner and wife in 1914 had a new cottage erected for children under six years of age at an expense of \$9,973.18. The good people who supported the Home from all over the Synod and other portions of the church, contiguous to the territory of Synod, sent in, in response to an appeal, enough money, over \$1,000, to furnish the Ferner Cottage; and it was occupied December 22d, 1914. Rev. Mr. Ferner and his wife cannot be too highly commended for this act of thoughtful, large-hearted charity. The directors and synods felt that, and expressed it, in strong terms, on different occasions. Wealth seems to come to some men almost unsolicited. As some one expressed it in the hearing of the writer, "When they earn one dollar they are able to save two." Thrice happy are such people when they have, along with wealth, a sense of stewardship. They are then not only blessed themselves but become a blessing to others. This has been recognized as a law of religious life, at least since the time of Abraham.

Soon after the farm came into the hands of the Synod, the Directors set aside some twenty acres of suitable land for an apple orchard. About three-fourths of this was taken in hand by the State College people, and the orchard

became the seventh experiment orchard managed by the orchard experts of that institution. The land and trees were treated according to the latest scientific methods, the expense being borne mainly by the State College. The trees have grown remarkably well, and are now almost large enough to bear abundant crops of fruit. Other fruit trees have also been planted. The farm is a good grass farm. Large quantities of hay are cured every summer, and some extra heavy crops of wheat, corn and potatoes have been grown, from time to time. A large herd of cows is kept, and the children find plenty of wholesome dairy products, as well as fresh fruit, in season, and vegetables on the tables at meal times.

The main purpose of gathering the children in a Home and supporting them there, of course, as everyone understands, is to bring them up in the fear of the Lord, and not only to feed, and clothe and shelter them. The superintendent is a Christian minister, and the teachers and employes are Christians. It is the aim of the church to give her wards the blessing of a Christian Home and to train them for a Christian career. To this all outward helps are made to minister. This is the aim of the Synod, and in this it has been, and is laboring more and more, to be successful. Eternity alone can measure the good that has been, is now, and will yet be done, through St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

The Home, under the superintendency of Rev. T. F. Stauffer, in 1879, began to issue a monthly paper, at first named the *Orphans' Messenger*, but soon changed into the *Orphans' Friend*. This has been regularly published and sent out to Sunday Schools and single subscribers, for some forty years, and has done an immense amount of good, in the way of presenting the needs of the work to the people, and keeping them interested in the cause of the helpless little ones of the church.

The contributions of individuals, Sunday Schools and churches for the support of the Home were at first very small; perhaps, at least one year, less than \$1,000; and had it not been for the garden, and farm, and State support for soldiers' children and, an income from certain

persons who sent children there and paid, wholly or in part, for their maintenance, the Home would have been compelled to close its doors. But, as the church grew in membership and Christian consciousness, the gifts became larger. In 1886 the church contributed \$1600, whilst \$2,900 was paid by the state and by guardians of pay children. In 1898 the cash from churches, Sunday Schools, and friends was \$3,800.13, whilst over twice this sum was received from other sources. For the year ending May 31st, 1918, the churches, etc., contributed for maintenance, \$12,414.31; for improvements, \$5.00; for debt, \$9,223.67 and for endowment, \$717.75: a total of \$22,360.73.

The Home has not only been a blessing to many helpless children, but to the people who have maintained it, by cultivating in their hearts that most excellent of all gifts, the gift of charity, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Just ten years after the Home was established a small legacy came into the hands of the Board of Directors, which was used as the beginning of an endowment. Nearly ten years later a much larger legacy was received. From that time on one sum of money after another came to the Home to be used for this purpose. Some people preferred to give in their lifetime. In 1917 Rev. Charles Ferner and wife, Mary Catherine Ferner, gave the Home \$80,700 in remunerative stock,—U. S. Steel Stock, etc. There seems to be no diminution to these gifts. On November 19th, 1919, when this chapter was being written, the endowment was \$119,960.08. Since then about \$60,000 has been received, including the Henry Knight Memorial Fund of \$5,000, the Peter Keil Memorial Fund of \$14,130, and \$40,000 from Daniel L. Dillinger, a prominent banker of Greensburg, Pa. Some \$20,000 in additional legacies is on its way to the Home. When these sums are received the endowment will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

From this endowment, which has been kept invested, and not one dollar of which has, so far, been lost through bad investments, the Home has a considerable annual

income, enabling it to care for more children than the annual contributions of individuals, Sunday Schools, and churches, serve to support.

In 1918 the Directors, besides making extensive repairs to and painting the buildings, and overhauling the plumbing, installed a new heater in the power house, and repaired the heaters in the cottages, at an expense of approximately \$2,500, and in addition put in a Permutit filtration plant at a cost of about \$2,500. These improvements were made in the interest of the Home and for the safety and comfort of the children.

During this year also, a farm, known as the Muntz farm, containing 86 acres, one end of which came within a few hundred feet of one of the Home buildings, was purchased by the management for \$6,000. The institution now has 393½ acres of land. The new farm has the usual farm buildings, but these are not very valuable. This farm was paid for from the proceeds of the Ferner gift with the full consent of Rev. and Mrs. Ferner.

With the close of last year, which ended on May 31st, 1920, for the first time in many years, there were sufficient funds in the treasury to maintain the Home until the new Christmas contributions begin to come in. For a long time the Directors were compelled to borrow funds to pay expenses for several months before the contributions for next year arrived. It is to be hoped that this new departure will be permanent.

CHAPTER XVI

MISSIONS

The remark is made elsewhere in this book that one of the reasons for desiring the organization of a district synod in western Pennsylvania, was, that it was felt that because of the development of the coal, oil, and iron interests in this part of the state and the consequent rapid increase of the population in central localities there was here a great demand for home mission work. The supply of ministers to man the existing charges was insufficient. Many large charges needed to be divided, as some of the congregations received a Sunday service only once in every four or six weeks. A number of preaching points from which the population was shifting were ready to be abandoned. There were many new places, industrial centers, where Reformed people and others were settling in considerable numbers. It was important that some one should look after these new places, organize the people into congregations, and arrange to have them supplied with the stated means of grace. This condition of things prevailed more or less all over the church, but it prevailed especially in western Pennsylvania.

The old Westmoreland Classis took these problems into serious consideration, along about the year 1865. At a meeting of Classis in Somerset, Pa., September 19th, 1866, a committee was appointed to report a minute on the conditions, prospects, and best means of advancing the interests of our several vacant charges and mission points; and another committee to report a minute on the propriety of creating the office of Missionary Bishop, under such considerations and with such powers as Classis is both able and sees proper to confer, and that it be made the special order of business for some evening. This second committee was: F. K. Levan, T. J. Barkley and T. J. Craig.

Their report is as follows:

"The subject is not new to us. Almost a year ago a

worthy officer of the congregation whose fellowship and hospitality we are now enjoying brought it before the public by an able article in our leading church paper. Since then it has found very audible expression in both our English and German organs and has claimed a respectable share of attention on the part of the whole church. Besides in some form it is indigenous to our church all over Europe, and, comes before us as a part of the constitution of primitive Christianity. Your committee, however, believes that Classis will be disposed to confine itself to its undisputed powers and immediate pressing wants. As to the latter—our wants: we frequently have vacant charges, with the leaving of the pastor, as our arrangements now are, worship commonly ceases, except in the way of uncertain occasional supplies. Consistories, especially in the country, are at a loss to know where to make application for suitable successors: the flock suffers and becomes distracted and disorganized and the general benevolent operations commonly go to chaos. Mission points of promise cannot be supplied. In fact the work constantly grows on our hands without a corresponding ability to meet its rightful demands. We lose every day for lack of better organization in this respect.

“With regard to our powers as a classis, we must certainly be on safe ground, so long as we grant only such as all classes have continually been in the habit of transferring to committees.

“Your committee would therefore respectfully suggest the following action, as likely to meet the sense of our instructions:

“1. That Classis elect for one year a ministerial brother to whom shall be intrusted these duties:

“2. To aid the consistories of vacant charges in securing suitable pastors, and to lend such help as he is able in having their congregations supplied during vacancies, also to instruct and encourage them to furnish the proper support for a pastor.

“3. To have in charge the oversight and control of the missions of Classis and detached congregations, not

supplied by pastors, with such general powers as were heretofore conferred on committees: always subject to confirmatory action by Classis.

"4. That as being the most scriptural and becoming name the person to whom these foregoing duties are assigned shall be known under the name of Missionary Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,
F. K. Levan, Chairman."

Rev. G. H. Johnston was elected Missionary Bishop for the year, and his salary was fixed at \$850.

The next year, Classis meeting at Salem, Westmoreland County, Pa., October 9th, 1867, elected Rev. F. K. Levan Missionary Bishop, he having withdrawn about this time, from the principalship of Westmoreland College. At the end of this classical year the office was discontinued, but was again revived when the Synod was organized in 1870, the request for the election of a Missionary Superintendent, at this time, having come from the West New York Classis. F. K. Levan was the Synod's Superintendent of Missions in 1870, and G. H. Johnston in 1871, the name, Missionary Bishop having been quietly dropped, and that of Superintendent of Missions being used from this time. In 1872, F. K. Levan was again chosen to that office which he declined, and the Synod's work of missions was carried on that year under the supervision of the classical committees on missions. In 1873 the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods organized the Tri-Sydonic Board of Missions: F. K. Levan was chosen Missionary Superintendent for the three Synods for the term of four years; and the work was carried on in this form, for seventeen years. By action of Synod taken at a meeting held in Greensburg, October 2d, 1889, the missions of the Synod were placed under the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, on January 1st, 1890; and the Tri-Sydonic Board became the Bi-Sydonic Board, until finally all the missions of the church were placed under General Synod's Board.

In the minutes of Westmoreland Classis for 1868, in

the report of the committee on missions this paragraph occurs.

“From the papers and documents placed in our hands we find that the missionary cause is still widening and increasing in the bounds of our Classis. In the report of the Missionary Bishop new interests are pointed out that should claim the attention of Classis. There are many fields spread out before us inviting us to come up and possess the land. These together with those already taken up and the general subject of missions claiming our attention, call upon us for new efforts and zeal in this direction.”

There was a very encouraging increase in contributions for benevolence from 1863 to 1868, as may be seen from the following table: 1863—\$229.10; 1864—\$300.18; 1865—\$603.82; 1866—\$1,240.79; 1867—\$3,407.88; 1868—\$3,393.63.

Considerable sums were also contributed for the purchase of the Mt. Pleasant College property and for putting and keeping it in repair, which did not pass through the hands of the Treasurer of the Classis, but were handled by a separate Treasurer. And the Treasurer states that much money was given for objects not recommended by Classis, which contributions also did not pass through his hands, and could not be reported by him.

About this time also members of Classis, feeling the demands of the cause of missions within their own territory, turned their minds to the matter of developing the benevolent spirit of the people, and finally settled on the method of Apostolic Benevolence, or Systematic Benevolence. Sometimes the word Beneficence is used in the minutes. The subject was discussed in the columns of the *Messenger* by young men like G. H. Johnston, William Rupp, A. B. Koplin, J. A. Peters, A. J. Heller, and others, the pastors of the second and third generation of Westmoreland Classis. This plan was generally adopted by the congregations. The proper parties, often the pastors themselves, canvassed the members of the congregations, asking each member to pledge himself for from one or two to ten cents a week for benevolence, which

they were asked to pay into the treasury in quarterly installments. The subject along with other subjects connected with the doctrines and work of the church, was discussed before the people at conventions and from the pulpit. St. Paul's directions to the Christians at Corinth: "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come," (1 Cor. 16:2), was kept before the people; and many of them came to look upon it as almost, if not more, binding than the Ten Commandments. The contributions for benevolence under such teaching, increased very rapidly. It is said that at one of the meetings of the Ohio Synod to which Westmoreland Classis then belonged, the contributions of this one classis were found to be as much as those of all the other classes together. This was the year after the Apostolic plan had been introduced. The same ideas prevailed among the ministers of Clarion and St. Paul's Classes, to a greater or less extent; and when the Synod was organized, the manner and methods of raising funds for Benevolence were easily settled; in fact no particular new legislation was needed along this line.

At the first annual meeting of the Synod, at Buffalo, in 1870, the committee on missions, after recommending action providing for the election of a Missionary Superintendent, and a committee on missions in each Classis, closed its report with these two paragraphs:

"Whilst your committee recommend this plan, it would at the same time seek to infuse a missionary spirit into each member of Synod. The election of a Superintendent for the Synod and of Classical Superintendents or Committees, is only to give proper form to the work which should lie near the heart of every one, and in which every member of this Synod should count it a privilege to engage. Let us seek to keep and cultivate the missionary spirit and zeal of the pioneers and fathers who have cultivated the field embraced in this Synod. They sought out and laid hold of missionary points, and in this way established many of the congregations of this Synod.

"Let it not be thought because we have a superintend-

ent and classical committees, that this relieves others of interest in the missionary work, but that it should rather increase the interest and zeal of every one, and that all should feel themselves called anew to the work of gathering members and building up congregations, and in this way give efficiency to the operations of the superintendents and committees."

This report was written by Rev. Jacob F. Wiant, who grew up within the bounds of this Synod, and after a full course of study at Lancaster and Mercersburg, spent nearly all his life as a pastor in the Synod, and died at Greenville in 1915, in full age and full of good works, when the Synod he had assisted in organizing was forty-five years old.

The reports on the State of Religion and on Missions from year to year all breathe this spirit. It was in the air. The young men coming into pastorates here from other parts of the church, if they did not have it before, soon caught it. It has characterized the life of the Synod from the beginning to the present time. The few, if there were any, who did not have it, and failed to catch it, did not remain in the Pittsburgh Synod very long. They did not feel at home here.

In 1870, at the first annual meeting, which began its sessions November 2d, not including West New York Classis, which was a few years later, dismissed to one of the German Synods, there were 43 ministers, 116 congregations, 8,399 confirmed members, and the benevolent contributions were \$5,649.17.

Twenty-five years later in 1895 there were 71 ministers, 136 congregations, 16,276 confirmed members and the benevolent contributions were \$16,944. In the year of grace, 1919, forty-nine years after the Synod began its work, there were 115 ministers, 26,610 confirmed members, and the benevolent contributions were \$90,070.

At a meeting of Pittsburgh Synod held in the Second Reformed Church in Greensburg in October, 1881, the Board of Missions of Pittsburgh Synod under the Presidency of Rev. S. Z. Beam, now for many years the Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod, suggested to Synod the creation of a Synodical Church Extension Board. The Synod ac-

cepted the suggestion and appointed a committee of five of its members to prepare a plan for this project and report at the next annual meeting. The committee appointed was: Revs. S. Z. Beam, D. S. Dieffenbacher, S. R. Breidenbach, Dr. Joseph H. Apple, and Elder T. J. Craig.

This committee, a year later at Red Bank, reported as follows:

"Your committee, appointed at Greensburg, to prepare a plan for the creation of a Board of Church Extension, offer the following report:

"1. Resolved, That Synod create a Board of Church Extension, consisting of five members, whose duty it shall be to receive all moneys appropriated for building missionary churches, and distribute the same to churches in need, and secure the amount thus given by first mortgage on the property.

"2. Resolved, That the Board of Church Extension be directed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws by which it shall be governed until the next annual meeting, when said Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted for Synod's approval; and further, that the Board be instructed to secure an act of incorporation."

The Synod adopted this report, and elected as a Church Extension Board: for five years, Rev. S. Z. Beam; four years, Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher; three years, Rev. Joseph H. Apple, D. D.; two years, Rev. S. R. Breidenbach; one year, Elder T. J. Craig.

It was the purpose of Dr. Beam to secure \$10,000 by \$100 subscriptions, from which loans might be made to mission churches to aid them in the erection of houses of worship. Two one-hundred dollar gifts were at once secured, one of them from Elder Jacob Byers, who represented Rev. Beam's charge at Synod. The next year the Board reported funds received and disbursed amounting to six hundred and thirty dollars. A constitution for the government of the Board was also adopted, and the Board had itself incorporated. In 1884 the Board reported the sum of \$2,679.00, as passing through its Treasurer's hands. Of this amount \$1,811.10 was collected by Rev. H. D. Darbaker for the erection of churches in

Turtle Creek and McKeesport. The Board maintained its existence until the fall of 1891. Unification was in the air by that time. The Peace Commission had done its work. The Board of Missions of the General Synod requested that all the missions be placed under its care. The Pittsburgh Synod at the annual meeting, held in the First Reformed Church of Greensburg in October, 1889, decided to withdraw from the Tri-Synodic Board and place its missions under the Board of the General Synod. At a meeting of the Synod at Latrobe in September, 1891 the Board of Church Extension presented the following report:

"The Board of Church Extension of Pittsburgh Synod met in the study of Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Friday, December 3d, 1890, at two o'clock P. M., when the following action was taken: Resolved, That all funds, mortgages, deeds, etc., in the hands of our Treasurer be transferred to the hands of C. M. Bousch, Esq., Treasurer of General Synod's Board of Home Missions, as soon as a form of transfer be obtained from said C. M. Bousch, Esq., duly signed by the Board of Church Extension."

The Synod took this action:

"Whereas, The Board of Church Extension has transferred its moneys and securities to the Treasurer of the Home Missions Board of General Synod, and there is therefore no further need for a Board of Church Extension in this Synod: Resolved, That this Board be dissolved."

It is well known that Rev. A. C. Whitmer, shortly after he became superintendent of Missions for the Tri-Synodic Board, conceived the idea of asking individuals, Sunday Schools, congregations and associations of various kinds for gifts of five hundred dollar Building Funds, and that subsequent superintendents, secretaries and treasurers have kept this before the church, and that the Board of Home Missions now has almost \$500,000 in these funds, which have been doing an immense

amount of good in aiding weak congregations in building churches.

Dr. S. Z. Beam has the honor of being a pioneer in this work, and the Synod of which he was then a member was the first of our ecclesiastical bodies to put such a project into operation under the guidance of its originator and men of like spirit with him. It is Dr. Beam's opinion that he was only a little ahead of time in what he contemplated. The church needed to be educated along this line before it was prepared to respond with a large number of gifts to the proposals of those to whom the first vision of better things came. A John the Baptist has been needed more than once in the history of the church.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At a meeting of Pittsburgh Synod held in Kittanning, September 26th, 1883, the following action was taken, as found in the report of the Committee on Missions, which is signed by Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, as chairman:

"Since the church has awakened to a new interest in the cause of Foreign Missions, and has already sent four missionaries to labor in Japan, where the prophecy is seemingly being fulfilled 'that a nation shall be born in a day,' and since two of these laborers are ladies, we think the time has come when we should put forth efforts to enlist the organized aid of the women of our church, for in them is found much of the faith and piety existing in our midst; why this mighty force should be inoperatively dormant, we know not. Believing that it should be utilized and organized, we advise the following action:

"Resolved, That the Board of Missions be directed to prepare a congregational and synodical form, to aid in establishing Ladies' Foreign Missionary Societies, the first for congregational organizations, and the second for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society within the bounds of Pittsburgh Synod, and that means be provided whereby they may communicate with and annually report to this Synod.

"Believing that the prayers and alms of many pious

women can be enlisted in the cause, we earnestly urge this subject upon your attention."

In response to this recommendation Synod passed this action:

"Your committee would suggest that Synod urge all its pastors to organize 'Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, wherever possible, and where this cannot be done, to present the Foreign Mission Cause to their people and lift a collection."

At the meeting of Synod in Berlin, September 16th, 1884, the Board of Missions of Synod offered the following:

"Whereas, The great work of the Church today is the evangelization of the world, and

"Whereas, The present condition of the mission work of the Church calls loudly for all the help that can be given by every one of its members, and

"Whereas, We would have this power truly consecrated and effectually utilized for Christ; therefore,

"Resolved 1st. That we respectfully recommend the immediate organization of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies in every congregation within the bounds of this Synod.

"2d. That delegates be sent annually from these societies to a Synodical Women's Missionary Convention, to be held the second day of the meeting of Synod.

"3d. That we recommend the societies to work especially this fall and coming winter with a view to enabling the Board to send Miss Lizzie Poorbaugh to her appointed station in Japan.

"4th. That the pastors of Synod bring this matter at once to the attention of the women of their respective congregations."

Some of the congregations had Women's Missionary Societies long before this, such as the Denmark-Manor congregation, for example, where a society was organized in 1878 or 1879, but there was no classical societies, and no Synodical Society. Now, in response to this action of Synod, and the spirit back of it, many new congregational societies and several classical societies came into

existence, and on the 30th of September, 1886, twenty-nine lady delegates from a number of these met in the parlors of the Orphans' Home at Butler and organized the Woman's Missionary Society of Pittsburgh Synod. Miss Jean Craig was elected President, and Mrs. I. N. Burger, Secretary, and Miss Etta K. Prugh, Treasurer. The society passed the following resolutions:

"Resolved that the ministers of the Synod be urged to organize a Missionary Society in each congregation.

"Resolved, That they be asked to urge each Society to send at least one delegate to the Synodical Missionary Convention.

"Resolved, That where it is practicable, Children's Missionary Societies be formed, in order that the spirit of giving may be instilled into them from their youth.

"Resolved, That in order to increase the revenue devoted to missionary purposes the plan of systematic giving be adopted."

The second annual meeting of W. M. S. P. S., was held in Grace Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., September 21st, and 22nd, 1887, with twenty-nine delegates present, representing the five classes of Synod.

A constitution was adopted at this meeting.

The society gave the Board of Foreign Missions a pledge to raise enough money during the year to send a lady missionary to Japan, and to contribute within a month, one hundred dollars towards the expense of sending Rev. D. B. Schneder to Japan.

The society was at first a purely Foreign Missionary Society, but has for many years contributed to home as well as foreign missions.

This society has proved itself a vigorous body. As is the history of most new ventures there was considerable enthusiasm at first. This was followed by something of a collapse for a few years. But after that came new vigor and devotion and a steady increase in membership, enthusiasm and contributions. The W. M. S. P. S. is now a force in the territory of Pittsburgh Synod, and a power for good, and a source of considerable and increasing revenue in the work of missions.

The following table giving the year of meetings, contri-

butions and number of members reported for each year, and the names of presidents and treasurers will give the reader at a glance an outline history of this society in the existence, growth, and work of which the Synod has a right to take much pride. The society has taken an active part in the work of the Missionary Society of General Synod since the organization of that body, and has been an inspiration to many local congregational societies. The table begins with the third year of the society's history. Apparently the statistics of the first two years were not preserved.

Year	President	Vice President	Member-ship	Contributions
1888	Miss Jean Craig	Miss Bertha Limberg	673	\$1216.05
1889	Mrs. J. M. Evans	Miss Bertha Limberg	901	1235.03
1890	Mrs. M. E. Whitmore	Mrs. C. T. Barnhart	837	882.40
1891	Mrs. P. Keil	Mrs. C. T. Barnhart	940	656.92
1892	Mrs. P. Keil	Mrs. C. T. Barnhart	863	1108.21
1893	Mrs. P. Keil	Mrs. C. T. Barnhart	948	1071.13
1894	Mrs. P. Keil	Mrs. C. T. Barnhart	828	1308.24
1895	Mrs. P. Keil	Mrs. C. T. Barnhart	765	1082.75
1896	Mrs. A. M. K. Snyder	Miss Sara Bayne	734	1509.60
1897	Mrs. T. S. Land	Mrs. D. E. Albert	659	1434.75
1898	Mrs. T. S. Land	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1160	1411.22
1899	Mrs. T. S. Land	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1446	1439.12
1900	Mrs. T. S. Land	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1130	1457.08
1901	Mrs. D. H. Leader	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1475	1597.40
1902	Mrs. D. H. Leader	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1399	1534.61
1903	Mrs. L. R. P. Cort	Mrs. D. E. Albert	721	2071.71
1904	Mrs. L. R. P. Cort	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1636	2050.01
1905	Mrs. L. R. P. Cort	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1560	2290.06
1906	Mrs. L. R. P. Cort	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1636	1960.44
1907	Mrs. W. R. Harris	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1488	2651.99
1908	Mrs. W. R. Harris	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1378	2527.10
1909	Mrs. W. R. Harris	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1216	2346.36
1910	Mrs. W. R. Harris	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1347	2245.05
1911	Mrs. Wm. Snite	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1325	2829.39
1912	Mrs. Wm. Snite	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1349	2815.27
1913	Mrs. Wm. Snite	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1349	2719.54
1914	Mrs. Levi Garis	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1419	4181.30
1915	Mrs. Levi Garis	Mrs. D. E. Albert	1419	3664.27
1916	Mrs. H. D. Hershey	Mrs. T. C. Price	1724	4507.04
1917	Mrs. H. D. Hershey	Mrs. T. C. Price	1706	4871.40
1918	Mrs. H. D. Hershey	Miss Emma Limberg	1754	5942.38
1919	Mrs. H. D. Hershey	Mrs. B. A. Wright	1765	7542.20

Annual average.....\$2,380.15

Total\$76165.02

CHAPTER XVII

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION

BY REV. H. D. DARBAKER, D. D.

At the meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod at Titusville, Pa., October 16th, 1873, the following action was taken:

"That this Synod do now create a Board of Education, consisting of five members, to whom the whole matter of Beneficiary Education be committed, who shall superintend the work, organize ways and means for its successful operation, secure all funds advanced, and report to the Synod annually the standing and character of the Beneficiaries, together with the condition of its treasury.

"That the several classes be requested to turn over their Beneficiaries to the care of this Board, with a statement showing the appropriations made to each."

To carry out the purpose of the foregoing action, Synod elected the following persons to constitute the said Board: Revs. J. W. Love, C. R. Dieffenbacher, J. F. Wiant, George B. Russell, and Elder Joseph Cort.

These persons met at Irwin, Pa., April 21st, 1874, and organized with Rev. J. W. Love, President, and Rev. George B. Russell, Secretary. The Board considered a general plan for the management of the work committed to it, and finally adopted the following resolutions, of which an outline only can be given:

"1. The Board shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be agreed upon.

"2. The officers shall be President, Treasurer and Secretary.

"3. It shall be the duty of the President to superintend the work of the Board; he shall be Treasurer of all moneys and pay out the same under direction of the Board.

"4. He shall submit a full report to each annual meeting of Synod.

"An applicant for aid must be a communicant mem-

ber of the Reformed Church, well recommended by his pastor, or consistory, and shall sign the following declaration: "I do hereby declare that I feel myself called to the work of the holy ministry and am willing with divine help, to consecrate myself heartily and unreservedly to this service. I also solemnly engage to use all diligence in preparing myself for its sacred duties, under the proper guidance, counsel, rules and regulations of the Board of Beneficiary Education. And, further I sincerely promise that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability, continue in the prosecution of my studies to this end, except only with the consent of said Board; nor will I during my time of study, make any matrimonial or other engagements, which may interrupt or in any way interfere with my preparation for the holy office of a minister of the Gospel."

When these conditions are met, he must give to the President a bond to indemnify the Board for such funds as may have been paid to him, in case he should discontinue his studies for any reason, (except sickness or death) or not enter the ministry of the Reformed Church, and continue therein at least ten years.

At the meeting of the Board at Berlin, Pa., October 6th, 1874, it was found that the several Classes had complied with the request of Synod, and had transferred their students to the care of the Board, viz: Allegheny Classis:—Edward Wingenroth, John M. Shick, W. F. Lichliter and John C. Tinstman. Westmoreland Classis:—J. W. Knappenberger and Robert C. Bowling. St. Paul's Classis:—J. W. Pontius and J. N. Apple.

RULINGS OF THE PITTSBURG SYNOD AND BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Experience is a very helpful teacher. Hence the Synod and the Board found it necessary to modify some of the original "regulations" and in some cases to adopt new ones.

1880—The Board required students to forward their "grade circulars of scholarship" to the President or Secretary for inspection.

1889—Synod adopted the following resolutions: "That the Board of Beneficiary Education be instructed to receive students under its care with and by the advice of classes.

"That the classes be instructed to inquire diligently into the ability and motives of young men, and convince themselves thoroughly of their fitness for the gospel ministry before recommending them to the Board for beneficiary aid.

"That all beneficiary students shall be under the care of the classes on whose recommendation they may have been received by the Board, and that they shall be required annually to report to such classes either in person or by letter."

1902—Resolved, "That it is the judgment of this Board, as also of the Synod, as heretofore expressed, that our students for the ministry ought to pursue their literary studies, at least in the Junior and Senior years of their course at Franklin and Marshall College, unless there be extraordinary reasons why another school ought to be attended."

"That the Treasurer be instructed not to remit the appropriation to any student, who is not punctual in his attendance at recitation, and does not maintain a satisfactory standing in his studies, and who does not observe the action of Synod, namely, that of meeting his financial obligation with all persons with whom he has any dealing."

1908—"All students are requested to submit an annual report to the President of the Board during the month of September."

1917—The Board overtured the Synod for permission to take the personal note of a student, instead of a bond. The reasons assigned were: 1. The students usually have great difficulty to obtain bondsmen; 2. It is the practice of the Boards of the Eastern, the Ohio and the Potomac Synods to take a personal note of a student. It is also the

practice of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church; while the Pennsylvania Synod of the Presbyterian Church requires only the word of promise of a student to refund the money given him in case he discontinues his studies. The Synod granted the request.

Synod instructed the classes to call the roll of their students at the annual meeting—take such action as may be required and report the same to the Board of Education.

It is the rule of the Board to receive students under its care and grant them aid only when they are recommended by the pastor, consistory and classis, under whose jurisdiction they may be.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Board originally appropriated from \$50 to \$175 per year to a student.

1877—It was decided to aid students only after they enter college.

1879—Synod fixed the maximum appropriation at \$125 to a student.

1881—The Board asked permission of Synod to increase the appropriation from \$125 to \$150. Synod granted the request.

1892—The Board made it a rule not to grant aid to a student entering the marriage relation before completing his studies.

1906—The Board asked permission of Synod to increase the appropriation from \$150 to \$200. Synod fixed the maximum aid to a student while in college at \$250, and while in the Theological Seminary at \$200.

1919—Synod voluntarily increased the appropriation to a student while in college to \$300, and for a Theological Seminary student \$250 per year.

BENEFICIARY STUDENTS

Casper Sheel	1852	A. Thos. G. Apple	"
David Flick	"	John G. Wagner	1875
Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher	1854	John Swift	1876
Solomon King	1855	M. L. Campbell	"
C. W. Hoyman	"	Lewis Reiter	1877
Chas. Kronemier	1858	Cyrus J. Musser	1878
Henry F. Keener	"	Milton Philippi	"
J. F. Wiant	1859	Chas. R. Ferner	1880
Thomas F. Stauffer	"	C. M. Hartzell	1881
S. S. Apple	1860	Alex. M. Keifer	"
A. E. Apple	"	W. E. Ludwick	"
Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher ..	"	R. E. Crum	1883
N. Brice	1861	Albert S. Glessner	1884
C. Bolen	1862	Albert E. Brant	"
Linus Yockey	1863	Edward Foulch	"
Wm. C. Houpt	1864	Adolphus King	"
John W. Ebbinghous	"	U. O. H. Kerschner	"
Jacob B. Welty	1865	H. L. Beam	"
C. P. Baker	"	H. Baughman	"
Albert E. Truxal	"	Philip H. Zimmerman	1886
John S. Wagner	"	Geo. Kimmel	"
John A. Marington	"	Takio Noya	1887
Thomas Blumer	"	E. E. Emhoff	"
Wm. Beaver	"	D. E. Master	"
Wm. F. Lichliter	1866	Herman Poschman	"
D. K. Fulcanson	1867	John N. Naly	"
James G. Dengler	"	Harvey S. Nicholson	"
Philip E. Mowry	"	Ellis S. Hay	"
F. A. Limberg	"	C. W. Brugh	1888
Henry D. Foltz	"	Oliver P. Faust	"
John H. Wagner	1868	S. U. Waugaman	1889
Americus Enfield	"	Eugene P. Skyles	"
George D. Gurley	"	A. O. Reiter	"
Henry D. Darbaker	"	J. Grant Walter	1890
John M. Schick	"	Chas. H. Lefever	"
Jacob S. Philippi	1869	Henry Snyder	"
Jacob P. Cline	"	John F. Bair	1891
C. Gumbert	1870	Wm. D. Stoyer	1892
Daniel Smeltz	"	Wm. S. Fisher	1894
J. O. Johnson	"	Henry H. Wiant	1895
Simon Groff	1871	Chas. H. Faust	1896
J. W. Knappenberger	1872	B. K. Hay	"
Edward Wingenroth	1874	Wm. H. Kerschner	1897
J. C. Tinstman	"	Simon Sipple	"
Robt. C. Bowling	"	Percy C. Byers	1898
J. W. Pontius	"	J. S. Leibig	1900
J. N. Apple	"	Andor Harsanyi	1902

W. D. Marburger	1903	Ralph J. Harrity	1912
Robt. M. Stahl	1904	Harry L. Jones	"
Paul B. Rupp	"	Lewis J. Musser	1913
Fred K. Stamm	"	Geo. F. Wetzel	"
Wm. R. Jones	1906	Simon H. Waugaman	"
Irwin G. Snyder	1907	Albert J. Bintrim	1914
Louis Bisinyi	1908	Paul Limbert	"
Fred. M. E. Grove	"	John C. Schmidt	1915
Paul Reid Pontius	1909	Earl Stotler	1916
Victor H. Jones	"	Byron S. Nicholson	1917
Arthur J. Miller	"	John N. Garner	"
J. Iddings Lauffer	"	Howard F. Loch	1919
Bertram S. Walker	1910	Wm. H. Bollman	"
Chas. R. Yockey	"	Clarence B. Marstellar	"
W. H. Cogley	"		

CHAPTER XVIII.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF MINISTERS NOW DECEASED

The ministers whose brief biographies are given in this chapter were for a time pastors in the territory now comprised in the Pittsburgh Synod. They are set down here in an alphabetical order.

EMMET M. ADAIR

E. M. Adair was born in Leesville, Carroll County, Ohio, Feb. 8th, 1864. He read law, was prosecuting attorney for two terms in his native county, later he was identified with the American Sunday School Union and the Anti-Saloon League. He studied theology under the guidance of his father-in-law, Dr. S. Z. Beam, of Carrollton, Ohio. He was pastor one year at Osnaburg, Ohio; at Man's Choice, Bedford County, Pa., five years, and had just begun a pastorate in the Fairview charge, Butler County, Pa. when he took seriously sick. He died at Tiffin, Ohio, July 22nd, 1915, aged fifty-one years, five months and fourteen days.

JOEL W. ALSPACH

Joel W. Alspach, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Alspach, was born in Perry County, Ohio, Sept. 14th, 1835, educated at Heidelberg College and Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, licensed April 1862 by Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, ordained by the Board of Domestic Missions, Synod of Ohio. His pastorates were: Licking County Mission, two years; taught school four years on account of throat trouble; Heidelberg charge, Stoutsville, Ohio, four years; Shanksville Pa., two years; Sugar Creek, Pa., three years; Fairview, Pa., ten years; Everett, Pa., five years; Altamont, Ill., four years. He married Sarah Jane Binkley, March 13th, 1862; they had eight children; he died at Altamont, Ill., Dec. 5th, 1896, aged sixty-one years, two months and twenty-one days.

JOSEPH H. APPLE

Joseph H. Apple, D. D., was born near Easton, Pa. He was educated at Smithburg, Md., Marshall College, and the Mercersburg Seminary. He taught in Baltimore, Md., Waynesboro, Easton, Hamburg, and Rimersburg. He was principal of Clarion Collegiate Institute for nine years. He served five charges: Hamburg, Rimersburg, Saegertown, Friends Cove, Pa., and Germantown, Ohio. In 1878 Franklin and Marshall College conferred the degree of D. D., upon him. He died at Saegertown, Pa., May 21st, 1902.

THOMAS G. APPLE

Thomas Gilmore Apple, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D., was born near Easton, Pa., Nov. 14th, 1829. In 1840 he moved with his parents to Crawford County, Pa. In 1845 he entered the classical school of the Rev. Dr. Vanderveer, at Easton; and in 1848 went to Marshall College at Mercersburg where he graduated in 1850, delivering the valedictory oration. After graduation he taught in the Elmwood Institute for boys at Norristown, Pa.; and was married on Aug. 27th, 1851, to Miss Emma Matilda Miller, of Easton. In 1852 he took charge of the school of Dr. Vanderveer, studying theology privately; and was licensed and ordained by the Classis of Goshenhoppen at Springfield, Bucks County, Pa. While teaching he served as pastor of the Riegelsville and Mount Bethel congregations, near Easton; in 1855 he became pastor of congregations at Greensburg and Irwin, Pa.; in 1856 he taught school at Mechanicsburg, Pa.; in 1858 he became pastor of a congregation at Greencastle, Pa., which he served until 1865, when he was called to the presidency of Mercersburg College. In Nov. 1871 he became professor of Church History in the Seminary at Lancaster, which position he held until his death, acting also as President of Franklin and Marshall College from 1877 to 1889. He was President of the Synod at Hagerstown, Md., in 1868, and of the General Synod at Reading, Pa., in 1893. He was a member of the Peace Commission, chairman of the Committee on Church Union; delegate a number of times

to the Alliance of Reformed Churches; member of the Committee on the Directory of Worship; and President of the Association of Colleges. His parents were Andrew and Elizabeth Gilmore Apple. He had eleven children: Anna M. McKinstry, Elizabeth Gilmore Apple, John W. Apple, Ida K. Slagle, Thos. C. Apple, Charles H. Apple, W. N. Apple, Emma A. Coblentz, Maud M. Apple, Henry H. Apple and Joseph H. Apple. He died at Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 17th, 1898, aged sixty-eight years, ten months and three days.

THOMAS J. BARKLEY

Thomas J. Barkley, D. D., was born Sept. 25th, 1833, near Johnstown, Pa. He graduated from Heidelberg College in 1858 and from the Seminary at Tiffin in 1860. He served pastorates at Delmont, Greensburg, Pittsburgh, Sunbury and Gettysburg, Pa. He was President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home for a number of years, and on the Board of Visitors of the Eastern Theological Seminary. He died in Gettysburg, Pa., May 23d, 1917, aged eighty-three years, seven months and twenty-eight days.

J. ADAM BAYER

J. Adam Bayer, a European by birth and education, and an ordained minister from Rheinbaiern, Germany, came to Synod in 1831, recommended for reception by the Classis of West Pennsylvania, later Westmoreland Classis. The Synod referred the matter back to Classis, and he was evidently received. He took charge of Youngstown and Kindig's in Westmoreland County. In 1833 he accepted a call to Meadville and French Creek in Crawford County. A few years later he removed to Dansville, Livingston County, N. Y. In 1844 he became pastor of a Reformed Church in Fort Wayne, Ind. He probably withdrew from the Church after that.

ALBERT A. BLACK

Albert A. Black was born in Huntington County, Pa., Jan. 10th, 1850. He prepared for College at Shade-Gap Academy and the Millersville State Normal School, and

graduated from Mercersburg College in 1878 and from the Eastern Seminary in 1881. He served as pastor at Delmont, Saegertown, Boalsburg, Derry, and Troutville, Pa. He died, May 10th, 1917, aged sixty-seven years and four months.

BENJAMIN BOYER

Benjamin Boyer was born in Montgomery County, Pa., Feb. 4th, 1792. He served in the army in the War of 1812. He studied theology under Dr. Samuel Helfenstein. He was licensed in 1820, and in 1821 at the Synod of Reading was ordained. He labored in different charges in Schuylkill, Lebanon and Northumberland Counties, for a number of years. He came to Armstrong County in 1843, and later to Meadville. In 1850 he came to the Shenango charge in Mercer County and was pastor until 1854. He died at Greenville, Nov. 15th, 1864, aged seventy-two years, nine months and eleven days.

ISAIAH N. BURGER

Isaiah N. Burger was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., May 31st, 1853. He was educated at the Laird Academy, Murrysville, Heidelberg College and Seminary. He served as pastor of Beam's charge, and Harrold's charge in Pa., Marshallville, West Salem, Payne, and Paradise in Ohio. He died in Canfield, Ohio, Sept. 21st, 1916, aged sixty-three years, three months and twenty days.

CHARLES CAST

Charles Cast was born in Ettlingin-Baden, Germany, Feb. 22d, 1815. His parents were Roman Catholics, and he took a thorough course of study for the priesthood and was ordained in 1845 and was a priest in Carlsruhe, and gained fame as a pulpit orator. He came to this country in 1850, and was received into the Reformed Church in 1852. He was pastor at Hagerstown eight years, at Martinsburg two years, Detroit three years, and later, at Lebanon, Ohio, and Fort Wayne, Ind. In 1872 and 1873 he was pastor in Cumberland, Md. From there he went to Baltimore for two years. His last charge was at Egg

Harbor City, where he served four or five years, and where he died, Jan. 2d, 1883, aged sixty-seven years, eight months and thirteen days.

LUCIAN CORT

Lucian Cort was born April 18th, 1834, in Westmoreland County, Pa., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Monica Evans, in Scottdale, Pa., March 20th, 1905, aged eighty years, eleven months and two days. He studied for the ministry and was a member of the Sophomore class of 1847 at Marshall College, but lacked means to complete the course. For several years he taught school and vocal music. In 1852 he moved to Dubuque, Iowa, where he was professor of Mathematics in a college. Later he returned to Mercersburg, and studied theology under Drs. Schaff and Nevin. His first charge was at Harmony, Pa., in 1858. From there he went to Rimersburg, Pa., and was principal of the Clarion Collegiate Institute for several years. He then located at Quakerstown, Pa., where along with pastoral work he had charge of an academy, which was turned into a soldiers' orphans' home. Then he was principal of Juniata Collegiate Institute, at Martinsburg, Blair County, Pa. From Martinsburg he came to Greensburg and founded and carried on for fourteen years the Greensburg Seminary for girls, and then retired from active work. During all these years he often preached for his brethren in the ministry.

CYRUS CORT

Cyrus Cort, D. D., the son of Joseph and Mary (Skelly) Cort was born at Greensburg, Pa., March 15th, 1834. He was educated at the Irwin Academy, Turtle Creek Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and the Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa. Westmoreland Classis licensed him Oct. 6th, 1862 and on Feb. 25th, 1863 the same Classis ordained him through a committee consisting of N. P. Hacke, W. H. Super and E. E. Higbee. He served the following pastorates: Altoona, Jan. 1st, 1862-1867; Mount Alto 1867-1868; missionary in Iowa 1868-1880; Greencastle 1880-1893;

Wyoming, Del. and Ridgely, Md., 1893-1896; Sabillasville, Md., 1896-1902; Pine Run, Pa., 1902-1907. He married Susan M. Patterson, May 1st, 1866 and also Elizabeth R. Poorbaugh, Nov. 2d, 1893. The following children were born to the first union: Mary Elizabeth, Paul Lange, William Patterson, Ambrose, Sara Agnes, and Ralph Boquet. To the second union was born: Hugh.

Dr. Cort was a prolific and virile writer on historical and theological subjects, and an authority on the colonial history of our country. He was especially conversant with the colonial and revolutionary history of Pennsylvania. Through his untiring efforts a number of historic events, such as the battle of Bushy Run, were celebrated by large gatherings of people and granite monuments erected on the sites of their occurrence to remind coming generations of the sturdy devotion of their ancestors to civil and religious liberty. Dr. Cyrus Cort died at his home at Overlea, Md., Jan. 22d, 1920, aged eighty-five years ten, months and seven days.

ABNER DALE

Abner Dale was born in Centre County, Pa., Nov. 17th 1829. He entered Marshall College in 1848, and graduated in 1852. He taught for some time, and entered the Mercersburg Seminary in 1854, and graduated in 1856. He was licensed by Mercersburg Classis in 1856, and ordained by Clarion Classis, the same year, and became pastor of the Fairview charge in Butler County, Pa. In 1860 he was pastor at Rimersburg, and in 1862 of the Mercer Mission. Here his health failed, and he was without charge for several years and finally went back to his first charge, where he died, Jan. 16th, 1875, aged forty-five years, one month and twenty-eight days.

SOLOMON K. DENIUS

Solomon K. Denius was born in Baltimore County, Md., Aug. 11th, 1798. He studied under Dr. C. L. Becker and Rev. Jacob Geiger. He was licensed and ordained at Reading in 1821. His first charge was at Boonsboro, Md.,

where he remained ten years. Then for about four years he was at Bedford, Pa. His next charge was Berlin, Pa., from Jan. 1835 to 1841. He possessed a well balanced mind. He was faithful and energetic. He was the first to introduce the English language into the services at Berlin. He confirmed 130 persons and baptized over 100 children in this charge. From Berlin he moved west and served a number of charges, dying at New Castle, Ind., Sept. 29th, 1878, aged eighty years, one month and eighteen days.

JACOB FOLLMER DIEFFENBACHER

Jacob F. Dieffenbacher was born near Milton, Pa., Dec. 18th, 1802. He studied in the Academy at Milton, and in the Seminary at Carlisle under Dr. Lewis Mayer. He was licensed and ordained at a meeting of Synod at Mifflinburg, Sept. 29th, 1828. He was pastor at Sharpsburg, Md., two years; at Mercersburg, Pa., two years; at Woodstock, Va., seven years; and in Harmony, Pa., three years. He died in Harmony, Feb. 4th, 1842, aged thirty-nine years one month and sixteen days. Three of his sons, Cyrus R., Eusebius H., and Diodorus S., entered the Reformed Ministry.

DIODORUS S. DIEFFENBACHER

Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher was born Feb. 26th, 1835, died in Danville, Pa., Jan. 23d, 1893, aged fifty-four years, ten months and twenty-seven days. He was the son of Rev. J. F. Dieffenbacher, and was one of three brothers in the ministry of the Reformed Church. He was a shoe merchant in Pittsburgh for fifteen years and an elder in Grace Church and in the Allegheny Reformed Church, and an active worker in the Sunday School. He entered the seminary in 1870, and graduated in 1873. He was pastor at Kittanning for ten years, at Christ Church, Altoona for six years, and at Danville, two years. He was buried in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was the first Treasurer of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

CYRUS RINKER DIEFFENBACHER

Cyrus Rinker Dieffenbacher was born in Harmony, Butler County, Pa., Dec. 22d, 1839. His father was Rev. J. F. Dieffenbacher. He was educated in Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1860, and from the Seminary in Mercersburg in 1862. His first charge was in Armstrong County, Pa., where he organized a congregation in Kittanning and one at Eddyville. In 1865 he went to Greenville, Mercer County, Pa., where he was pastor for thirteen years. In April 1878 he became pastor of the First Reformed Church of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., succeeding Dr. Nicholas P. Hacke. He was pastor here for twenty-two years. A fine new church and parsonage were built here. Then he was at Shippensburg, Pa., for several years, and at Youngwood, Pa., for two years, where he died Dec. 4th, 1904, aged sixty-four years, eleven months and twelve days. He built up his congregations rapidly.

EUSEBIUS HOTTEL DIEFFENBACHER

Eusebius Hottel Dieffenbacher, son of Rev. Jacob F. and Dorothy Catherine Dieffenbacher, was born in Woodstock, Va., Aug. 3d, 1837 and died at Sunshine Farm, near Jerseytown, Pa., Nov. 27th, 1904, aged sixty-seven years, three months and twenty-four days. Mr. Dieffenbacher graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in 1863, and in the Seminary at Mercersburg in 1866. He was pastor of a charge at London, Mercer County, Pa., for five years. Ill health required his retirement for five years. Then he was a pastor at Wyoming, Del., from 1876 to 1881. From 1881 to 1884 he was pastor at Man's Choice, Bedford County, Pa. Then from 1884 to 1892 he was at Pleasant Unity, Pa. From 1892 to 1895 he was at Strawberry Ridge, N. J., when ill health forced him to retire permanently.

MOSES HENRY DIEFFENDERFER

Moses Henry Dieffenderfer was born Aug. 16th, 1846, in Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pa. His parents

were John and Sarah Dieffenderfer. He studied in the Allentown Academy, and taught in the public schools and in the Academy. In 1869, after a brief attendance at Franklin and Marshall Academy, he entered Franklin and Marshall College and graduated in 1873, and in the Lancaster Seminary in 1876. He was licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis May 25th, 1876, and ordained Feb. 21st, 1877, by Clarion Classis. His charges were: Plum Creek in Armstrong County, Pa., four years; a charge in Somerset County for three years; Christ Church, Allentown, 1884 to 1898. The congregation prospered greatly under his pastorate and in 1897 built a fine new church. He was treasurer and stated clerk of Lehigh Classis from 1888 to 1900. He died Feb. 27th, 1901, aged fifty-four years, six months and eleven days.

HENRY DIEKMAN

Henry Diekman, son of Rev. J. F. H. Diekman, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 17th, 1856. He graduated after a two years course from the seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, in 1886. He served pastorates at Titusville, Pa., and at Frostburg, Md., where he died June 17th, 1897, aged forty years and eight months.

TILGHMAN R. DIETZ

Tilghman R. Dietz was born at Howertown, Pa., Sept. 13th, 1847, and died Aug. 9th, 1919, in Wilkesbarre, Pa., aged seventy-one years, ten months and twenty-six days. He graduated in the Eastern Theological Seminary in 1877. He served charges at Punxsutawney, New Berlin, Shippensburg, Turtle Creek, South Bethlehem, and St. Luke's, Wilkesbarre, Pa. He is survived by his widow and one son. A parsonage was built at Turtle Creek while he was pastor.

HENRY DITZLER

Henry Ditzler, born in Adams County, Pa., Nov. 11th, 1856, son of Samuel and Mary (Hoover) Ditzler, educated at Millersville Normal School, one year at Franklin and Marshall College, graduated in the Eastern Theological

Seminary, 1885, licensed by Gettysburg Classis at Arendtsville, 1885. Pastorates: Tawneytown, Md., eight years, Mill Creek charge, Va., twenty years, Ruffsedale charge, Westmoreland County, Pa., seven and one-half years. He was married, Oct. 1st, 1876, to Lillie Virginia Wehler, of Adams County, Pa., and three children were born to them. He died at Ruffsedale, Pa., Nov. 7th, 1919, aged sixty-two years, eleven months and twenty-four days.

JOHN DOTTERER

John Dotterer, son of John and Elizabeth Dotterer, was born in Colebrookdale Township, Berks County, Pa., Feb. 1st, 1844, and died Aug. 20th, 1897, near Clintondale, Pa., aged fifty-three years, six months and nineteen days. He taught school for sometime, graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in 1871, and from the Seminary in 1874. He was licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis, and ordained by Clarion Classis, the committee being Revs. H. Hoffman, D. W. Wolf, and James Grant, and became pastor of the Curllsville charge for three years. Then he went to New Berlin, in Union County for one year, resigning on account of failing health. After several months rest he went to Pine Run in Westmoreland County, and remained about six years and a half, and then to Rebersburg for three years and a half, when his health again broke down and he retired permanently from the ministry, Nov. 1st, 1889, eight years before his death.

J. W. EBBINGHOUS

J. W. Ebbinghous, born in Potsdam, Germany, Dec. 11th, 1838, came to America in 1862, studied for some time in Lancaster, Pa., ordained to the ministry in 1865, served various charges; was appointed missionary in Nashville, Tenn., in 1900, where he died, Dec. 3d, 1901, aged sixty-two years, eleven months and twenty-two days.

LEWIS CHRISTIAN EDMONDS

Lewis Christian Edmonds, son of John Augustus and Elizabeth Edmonds, born in Northampton County, Pa.,

Dec. 12th, 1830, died in Manheim, Pa., Dec. 21st, 1918, aged eighty-eight years and nine days, educated at Hartwick Seminary, Cooperstown, N. Y., ordained at Akron, Ohio, 1857, served pastorates at Akron, Ohio; Aaronsburg, Pa.; Beaver Springs, Pa.; Stockton, Cal.; Emporia, Kansas; Durham, Pa.; Canaan, Ohio; Swanton, Ohio; Freeland, Pa., and Redbank, Pa.; was in command of a company in the Civil War, was married to Anna E. High in 1857. There were seven children: Howard L., Baron H., Calvin, Anne, Elizabeth, Jennie, and John. Mr. Edmonds lived in retirement at Ford City, near Kittanning, for some years, occasionally filling pulpits in the neighborhood.

FRANCIS ALEXANDER EDMONDS

Francis Alexander Edmonds, born near Nazareth, Pa., Dec. 2d, 1832, educated in Heidelberg College and Seminary, at Tiffin, Ohio; ordained in 1859 by Drs. J. H. Good, E. E. Highbee, and Moses Kieffer; served charges at Shelby, Ohio; Berlin, Pa., Harmony, Pa., and Foreston, Ill. He was a captain in the Civil War for about a year. At Antietam, on the death of superior officers, he commanded the regiment for a time. He died at Odell, Ill., Jan. 31st, 1906, aged seventy-three years, one month and twenty-nine days.

DAVID B. ERNST

David B. Ernst was born in Hanover, Pa., July, 4th, 1815. His grandfather was a Reformed Minister. He was catechised and confirmed by Rev. Samuel Gutelius. He learned the drug business and also the art of dentistry. He graduated from Marshall College in 1841, and from the Mercersburg Seminary in 1844. He served the Somerset charge from 1844 to 1849, and the Saegertown charge from 1849 for many years. In 1875 he went to the Moore Township charge in Northampton County, Pa., where he died March 11th, 1877, aged sixty-one years, eight months and seven days.

EDMOND R. ESCHBACH

Edmond R. Eschbach was born in Paradise, Pa., Nov.

9th, 1835, educated in Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and in the Seminary at Mercersburg, graduating in 1861, and was licensed and ordained the same year. He became pastor of the Somerset charge in the fall of 1861, was present at the meeting of Westmoreland Classis in Oct. 1862, at which meeting the pastoral relation between him and the Somerset charge was dissolved. He was pastor of the First Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., for fifteen years, and of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, Md., for thirty-three years. Was president of the Board of Home Missions, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, for a number of years.

FRANK FORENCZI

Frank Forenczi was born in Northern Hungary in 1851, educated in that country at Reformed institutions, and licensed by the church in that county to preach the Gospel. The Board of Home Missions called him to become a missionary among his countrymen in Pittsburgh. He was ordained to the ministry in Grace Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. He died June 8th, 1898, aged about forty-seven years.

HENRY S. GARNER

Henry S. Garner was born May 30th, 1849, at Marklesburg, Blair County, Pa. He studied at Heidelberg University and later, graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary—the latter in 1878. He was ordained the same year, and served as pastor at Shellsburg, Scottdale, Chicora, Harrolds, Stoyestown, Dayton and Pymatuning, Pa. He died July 26th, 1918, aged sixty-nine years, one month and twenty-six days.

AMBROSE C. GEARY

Ambrose C. Geary was born in Blue Bell, Montgomery County, Pa., Feb. 1st, 1844, and died suddenly of heart disease near Fisherville, Pa., Dec. 7th, 1901, aged fifty-

seven years, ten months and six days. He was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, 1867, and of the Seminary at Mercersburg, 1870. He served successively as pastor at Meyersdale, St. Clairsville, and Martinsburg, Pa., Keedysville, Md., Fairfield, Friends Cove, Orbisonia, and Armstrong Valley, Pa. Funeral services were held at Fisherville, Dec. 9th, 1901; Dr. E. N. Kremer, preaching the sermon, and Rev. L. C. Harnish and J. Rauch Stein, conducting devotional services. Interment was made at the Hertzog Church, near Alexandria, Pa., Dec. 12th, where Revs. Howard Obold and P. A. Delong conducted service, and Rev. M. H. Sangree preached a sermon.

HENRY GIESE

Henry Geise was born at Lichtenau, Saxony, Germany, April 13th, 1757. He was at school six years at Heresfeld, and two years at the University of Marburg. He came to America in 1776. He was ordained in 1783 and served congregations in Virginia for twelve years. In 1794 he came to Berlin, Pa., where he served as pastor of a large field for thirty-eight years. He resigned in 1833, and died March 24th, 1945, aged eighty-eight years, eleven months and eleven days.

ALBERT HARRISON GINDER

Albert Harrison Ginder, son of Lewis and Marie (Walter) Ginder, was born March 29th, 1869, and died Sept. 25th, 1917, aged forty-eight years, five months and twenty-six days. He was educated at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1896, and at the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1899. His pastorates were: Clearville, Pa., 1899-1902; Fairview, Pa., 1902-1904; when he entered upon the pastorate of the Evans City, Pa., charge, in which he closed his life's work, serving thirteen years, and serving well, considering the condition of his health, during a large part of the time. He was buried at Evans City on Friday, Sept. 28th, 1917. Addresses were delivered on the sad occasion by Revs. J. W. Pontius, Lewis Robb, D. D., and Henry H. Wiant.

JAMES GRANT

James Grant was born at Margate, Kent County, England, Aug. 12th, 1832. He came to America at the age of twenty years. The earliest record of his ministry is a certificate from the Allegheny Conference of the U. B. Church, bearing date, Oct. 11th, 1858. He was received into the Reformed ministry in Feb. 1870. He served charges in Somerset and Clarion Classes. He died Feb. 12th, 1895, aged sixty-two years and six months.

ELIAS E. GRUENSTEIN

Elias E. Gruenstein, was born, May 5th, 1848, at Odesa, Ruszland, died Aug. 16th, 1914, at Wimbledon, North Dakota, aged sixty-six years, three months and eleven days. He came to America in 1873, and shortly afterwards entered the Mission House in Wisconsin to prepare for the gospel ministry. He was ordained Oct. 5th, 1876 by Indiana Classis. He served charges at Charleston, Ind., Linton, Ind., Olney, Ill., Sharon, Pa., Monticello, Iowa, and Wimbledon, North Dakota. He left a wife and seven children.

HENRY N. B. HABLISTON

Henry N. B. Habliston was born in Baltimore in 1794. He graduated from St. Mary's College in that city, studied theology under Dr. C. L. Becker, was licensed by the Synod at Easton in 1815, and sent to Greensburg to take charge of congregations in Westmoreland county. The next Synod, at New Holland, approved his work. At the Synod in 1817 he reported 180 baptisms, 74 confirmations, 580 communicants and 28 burials. In 1819 he was at Shrewsbury, in 1824 at Shippensburg. He was out of the ministry at times, once deposed and again restored to the ministry. For two years, 1847 and 1848 he preached at Manheim, Pa., then in Illinois. His course was very erratic. He died in Baltimore, April 26th, 1870, aged seventy-six years.

FREDERICK B. HAHN

Frederick B. Hahn, son of Richard and Sophia (Bend-

er) Hahn, was born in Plainfield Township, Northampton County, Pa., Sept. 8th, 1847. He graduated from Kutztown Normal School in 1869; from Franklin and Marshall College in 1875, and from the Lancaster Seminary in 1878. He was licensed to preach in 1878 by Lancaster Classis, and ordained by St. Paul's Classis, the same year. He was pastor of the Greenville congregation in Mercer County, Pa., for six years. From 1884 to 1885 he served the Mt. Pleasant charge in Westmoreland County, Pa.; from 1885 to 1888, the Meadville charge, in Crawford County, Pa.; from 1888 to 1889 he served the English Mission in Cleveland, Ohio; and from 1889 to 1892 a newly organized congregation in Kutztown, with one at Tipton; and from 1892 to 1901 he was pastor of Faith and St. James Congregations, Reading, Pa. He was stated clerk of Reading Classis. He died in his home in Reading, May 16th, 1901, aged fifty-three years eight months and eight days.

CYRUS MARKLE HARTZELL

Cyrus Markle Hartzell was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., July, 7th, 1857. He taught school for eight years, and took the summer course at various State Normal Schools. He graduated in the Greensburg Seminary in 1882 and in the Eastern Theological Seminary in 1885. He became pastor in Latrobe, Pa., and served the congregation until his death, Nov. 4th, 1913, a period of twenty-eight years. He was aged fifty-six years, three months and seven days.

HENRY F. HARTMAN

Henry F. Hartman was born in Germany and educated in the University of Berlin. After coming to this country, he studied for a short time at Mercersburg. He served a charge in Crawford County, Pa., for some years, and married Miss Lizzie Kern, from Saegertown, and they had one child, a son, who became an Episcopal clergyman. Rev. Mr. Hartman took the pastorate of several congregations in Mercer Co., Pa. on Nov. 1st, 1856, and bought

a farm and lived on it where the village of Shenango afterwards grew up. He was very successful in the ministry and organized the congregations in Greenville and New Hamburg. He was pastor of the Shenango charge for ten years and then entered the Episcopal church and served a congregation in the suburbs of Pittsburgh. At length he returned to Germany and for a time held an important office under the government. He was popular among his people and the churches were strengthened under his pastorate.

CALVIN U. HEILMAN

Calvin U. Heilman, only son of George Heilman and wife, was born in Lebanon County, Pa., Nov. 20th, 1840, and died in Petersburg, Huntington County, Pa., July 24th, 1895. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1862, and from the Seminary at Mercersburg in 1864. His first charge was St. Clairsville, Pa., consisting of five congregations, where he labored earnestly and efficiently for a number of years. In 1872 he became financial agent for Franklin and Marshall College. In 1875 he took the pastorate of the Elk Lick, Pa. charge. From there he went to Alexandria and then to Greencastle, Pa. He was an executor of the Wilhelm Estate, a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College. He was very efficient in securing funds at church dedications and was very frequently called on for such services. His age was fifty-four years, eight months and four days, and he was thirty-one years in the ministry.

JOHN C. HENNEMAN

John C. Henneman born in Harhausen, Nassau, Germany, studied in the Mission House at Barmen, Germany, and in the Seminary at Mercersburg, graduating in 1848, licensed by Westmoreland Classis in 1848, and ordained in 1849 by the same Classis, was pastor of six congregations in Jefferson and neighboring counties for several years. Later he preached in Brown County, in Columbus, and in Pike and Jackson Counties, Ohio. He was married

to Amelia Wilfing, Sept. 26th, 1848. They had four children. He died in his home in Pike County, Ohio, Sept. 14th, 1884, aged sixty-nine years, three months and ten days.

ELNATHAN ELISHA HIGBEE

Elnathan Elisha Higbee was born at St. George, near Burlington, Vermont, March 27th, 1830. His parents were Lewis Higbee and Sarah (Baker) Higbee. He was a graduate of the University of Vermont, A. B. 1849, A. M. 1852, later he received the honorary degrees of D. D. in 1867, and of LL. D. in 1887, from Franklin and Marshall College. He entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, was duly graduated and licensed to preach the Gospel by Maryland Classis in 1854. Failing to receive a call in the church of his adoption he accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Bethel, Vermont, and became its pastor. In 1856 he was married to Lucinda Motter, of Emmitsburg, Md. In 1858 he returned south and, after serving the Emmitsburg charge as "supply" was elected pastor of the First Reformed Church of Tiffin, Ohio, also filling the chair of Latin and Greek in Heidelberg College. In 1862 he became pastor of Grace Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. From here he was called to the professorship of Church History and New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg in succession to Dr. Philip Schaff, entering upon his duties May 3d, 1864. He was president of Mercersburg College from 1871 to 1881; Superintendent of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania from 1881 to 1889. He died Dec. 13th, 1889, aged fifty-nine years, eight months and sixteen days.

HENRY HOFFMAN

Henry Hoffman was born in Chester County, Pa., July 7th, 1814, and was confirmed by Rev. J. C. Gulden. He studied at Mercersburg, completing his course in 1845. His first charge was the Beaver or St. Petersburg charge in Clarion County, Pa., where he labored nine years. Then he was pastor at Shamokin, Berwick, and Conyng-

ham. In 1870 he returned to Clarion County, and served the Shannondale charge for five years. After this he was pastor again at St. Petersburg. He died at Monroeville, Clarion County, Pa., Nov. 27th, 1879, aged sixty-five years, four months and twenty days.

CHARLES F. HOFFMEIER

Charles F. Hoffmeier was born at Hellertown, Pa., Sept. 24th, 1803, the son of Rev. Henry and Gertrude Hoffmeier. His father was pastor of the Reformed Church in Lancaster for twenty-six years. He was in business until 1841 and then studied theology for two years under Rev. G. W. Glessner. He preached in thirteen different charges in the next thirty-two years. From 1852 to 1856 he was pastor of the Somerset charge, and from 1872 to 1875 of the Luthersburg charge in Clearfield County. He died in Lancaster, Pa., April 19th, 1877, aged seventy-three years, six months and twenty-six days.

HENRY W. HOFFMEIER

Henry W. Hoffmeier was the oldest son of Rev. Charles F. and Margaret Hoffmeier, and was born in Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 26th, 1832. He learned the drug business in early life, and followed it for a number of years. He entered the Seminary at Mercersburg in the fall of 1866 and completed the course in 1868. He was licensed by Lancaster Classis in May 1868, and ordained by Mercersburg Classis, June 14th, 1868. He served the Yellow Creek charge, Bedford County, Pa., the Mill Creek charge, Shenandoah County, Va., and the Zion's Valley charge, Armstrong County, Pa., each for a short time. Then he worked for the Reformed Church Publication Board for several years. In 1889 he became proprietor of a drug store in Middletown, Md., where his brother, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, was pastor. He died April 12th, 1895, aged sixty-two years, three months and sixteen days.

JOHN ADAM HOFFHEINS

John Adam Hoffheins was the son of Rev. Emanuel H. and Julia A. (Swope) Hoffheins. He was born in Gettysburg, Pa., Sept. 2d, 1840, but spent his boyhood in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pa., where his father was pastor. He spent two years at Gettysburg College, and then entered the Junior Class at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in the class of 1863. In the fall of 1863 he entered the Seminary at Mercersburg, graduating in 1866; the same year he was ordained and installed pastor of the Reformed Church in Carlisle, Pa. In 1868 he went to Pottsville, Pa. In 1871 he went to Allegheny, Pa., where he remained until 1875, when he went to Martinsburg, West Virginia, where he was pastor to the time of his death. He was largely instrumental in originating the Pen-Mar reunions and a leading spirit in founding Massanutten Academy. He was a member of the Hymnal Committee of General Synod. A fine new stone church was built by his congregation at Martinsburg during his pastorate. He was married to Miss Hettie Adams of Carlisle in May 1869. He died on the 29th of December, 1911, ending a pastorate in Christ Church, Martinsburg, of thirty-six years and two months, aged seventy-one years, three months and twenty-seven days.

WILLIAM CHARLES HOUPt

William Charles Houpt was born in Germany April 20th, 1830, and came to America at the age of sixteen to evade military training. He attended Clarion Collegiate Institute. He was at school at Mercersburg when Lee invaded Pennsylvania and returned to Rimersburg to the house of William Koch, where he had lived for ten years. He went back to Mercersburg later, but did not complete the course. He read theology for awhile under Rev. D. O. Shoemaker, and entered the ministry in 1864. On April 20th, 1870, he was married by Dr. Jos. H. Apple to Susan E. Swab. He served only two pastorates, viz.: Fern, Pa., and Vanus, Pa. He died near Tionesta, Pa., Jan. 7th, 1913, aged eighty-two years, eight months and seven days.

JOHN HOYMAN

John Hoyman was born in Somerset County, Pa., Sept. 28th, 1811, baptized by Rev. Henry Giese, and confirmed at the age of seventeen years by Rev. H. E. F. Voigt. He studied theology under Rev. Wm. Conrad when almost in middle-life, was licensed by Westmoreland Classis in 1850, and ordained June 30th, 1852. From 1850 to 1856 he was pastor of the Shade charge. Then he went to Orangeville, Ill., for ten years, and then to Marion, Ohio, for ten months, where he died Aug. 16th 1867, aged fifty-five years, ten months and nineteen days. One of his sons, C. W. Hoyman, entered the ministry.

HERMAN GERHARD IBBEKEN.

Herman G. Ibbeken was born at Rasteder, Oldenburg, Germany, Jan. 25th, 1801. He attended the Gymnasium of Oldenburg; and studied theology at the University of Halle from 1822 to 1825. He came to America in 1830, and was licensed to preach in Oct. of the same year. He located in Somerset county, Pa. He was pastor of Somerset, Gebhart's, and Michael's congregations in Somerset County; Woodcock Valley in Bedford County; and congregations in Erie and Crawford Counties. Later he confined his labors to Somerset County, and was pastor of Somerset, Samuel's, Gidion's, Rhoad's, Peace, Zion's and Southampton. He died Feb. 8th, 1844, aged forty three years and thirteen days.

JOSEPH H. JOHNSON.

Mr. Johnson's family lived in Waynesboro, Franklin County, Pa. He worked at the trade of gunsmith in early youth; later he was a student and teacher in the Cumberland Valley Institute. He entered Franklin and Marshall College as a sophomore in 1856, and graduated with several honors in 1859. He then entered the Seminary at Mercersburg, and pursued his studies vigorously. In 1861 he became a professor in Westmoreland College, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., where he continued until Aug. 26th,

1863, when he died, in the thirty-first year of his age. He was licensed to preach in Sept. 1861, by Westmoreland Classis, but was never ordained to the Gospel ministry.

HENRY F. KEENER.

Henry F. Keener, son of Henry and Susan Keener, was born near Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., Nov. 23d, 1835. He was educated at Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary. He was licensed by Westmoreland Classis, May 21st, 1867, and ordained by a committee of Westmoreland Classis, June 25th, 1867, consisting of Revs. Geo. H. Johnston, T. J. Barkley, and C. C. Russell. His pastorates were as follows: Latrobe, two years and eight months; Sipesville, five years and three months; Zion's charge, Berlin, Pa., nine years; Brush Creek, Pa., two years; New Centreville, Pa., three months. He was married to Miss Julia E. Bossart, June 11th, 1867, and they were the parents of six children. He died March 19th, 1890, aged fifty-four years, three months and twenty-five days.

LEWIS HAMILTON KEFAUVER

Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., was born near Middletown, Md., Jan. 25th, 1827, and died in Tiffin, Ohio, April 25th, 1903, aged seventy-six years and three months. His parents were John and Rebecca Kefauver. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1852, and completed his course in the Seminary at Mercersburg, Sept. 1853, having taken some seminary studies in his last year in college. His first charge was at Fairfield, Adams County, Pa., from 1853 to 1857. He was pastor of the Second Reformed Church of Greensburg, and of the Irwin congregation in Westmoreland County, Pa., from 1857 to 1861, also supplying several country congregations with English services. He was pastor of the First Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio, from 1861 to 1863. From there he went to Tiffin, Ohio, and was pastor of the First Reformed Church of Tiffin for over thirty years.

He was on many church boards, such as those of the College and Seminary at Tiffin, and held other important offices in the church.

JOHN KELLER.

John Keller, studied for the ministry under Rev. George Weisz in New Lancaster, Ohio. He was licensed and ordained by the Synod of Ohio in 1827 and was a member of the Erie Classis at the time of its secession. His name appears on the roll of ministers of the Eastern District of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, afterwards, Westmoreland Classis, in 1840, but without report. In 1841 he reports six congregations: Amherst, Lancaster, Failings, and Clarence in Erie County, N. Y., and Zion's and Friedens in Niagara County, N. Y. He reports a membership of 329, 73 baptisms, 49 confirmations and 11 deaths. He was still a pastor in Erie County, N. Y., at his death, May 21st, 1852, in the fifty-second year of his age.

D. G. KLEIN.

D. G. Klein, born Nov. 10th, 1828, served charges in West Susquehanna, Juniata and Allegheny Classes, covering a ministry of nearly fifty years, and died in Redding, Cal., Jan. 17th, 1905, aged seventy-six years two months and seven days.

JEREMIAH WILLIAM KNAPPENBERGER.

J. William Knappenberger, son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Walton) Knappenberger, was born near Delmont, Westmoreland County, Pa., July 31st, 1848. He was educated at Delmont Academy, Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating at college in 1873, and at the seminary in 1876; licensed June 12th, 1876 by Westmoreland Classis; ordained and installed pastor of the Salem charge at Delmont, Nov. 9th, 1876, the committee consisting of Revs. J. F. Snyder, J. McConnel and H. Bair. He was pastor at Delmont,

1876, ten months; teacher in Greensburg Seminary 1877 to 1878; pastor at East End, Pittsburgh, and Wilksburg 1878 to 1882, four years and ten months; Mercersburg, Pa., 1882 to 1888, five years and six months; professor at Mercersburg College 1890 to 1892, two years; president of Allentown College for Women 1892 to 1904, twelve years; pastor at Niantic, Conn., 1907 to 1919, twelve years. He was married June 11th, 1879 to Miss Ellen L. Smith, of Meriden, Conn., and died May 30th, 1919, aged seventy years, nine months and twenty-nine days.

CHARLES KNEPPER.

Charles Knepper was born in Albany, Berks County, Pa., in 1839, graduated at Jefferson College in 1868, studied theology at Princeton, and entered the ministry in the Reformed Church. After several years as pastor, he became principal of Clarion Collegiate Institute. He then established a paper at Carnegie, Pa., which he edited and published for thirty-one years, to the time of his death. He died in 1903 at the age of about sixty-four years.

A. B. KOPLIN.

A. B. Koplin, D. D., was born in Summit County, Ohio, July 7th, 1835, and was educated in the Summit Academy, Heidelberg Academy at Tiffin, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1855. He studied theology and was ordained May 20th, 1856. He served pastorates at Stoystown, Elk Lick, Pa., Defiance, Ohio, a second pastorate at Elk Lick, at Catasauqua and at Hellertown, Pa. He was "the father" of the Phoebe Deaconess and Old Folk's Home at Allentown. He died in Hellertown, Pa., March 5th, 1917, aged eighty-three years, seven months and twenty-eight days.

ABNER R. KREMER.

Abner R. Kremer, D. D., was born in Franklin Co., Pa., Feb. 1st, 1832. He was educated at Dickenson College, Carlisle, Pa., and the Seminary at Mercersburg, graduat-

ing from the latter in 1859. He served as pastor of the Glade charge, and Emmitsburg, Md., Winchester, Va., Canton, Ohio, Berlin, Yellow Creek, and Hyndman, Pa. He died at Allen, Pa., Oct. 24th, 1917, aged eighty-five years, eight months and twenty-three days.

JOHN KRETZING.

John Kretzing was born near Ickesburg, Perry County, Pa., March 6th, 1836, receiving his education in the academies of Markelville, Landisburg and New Bloomfield. He taught school for several years and studied theology privately, and spent one year in the Seminary at Mercersburg. He was licensed by Zion's Classis and ordained by St. Paul's Classis and installed pastor of the Decker's Run charge in the autumn of 1863. He remained here nine years. He then served the Lykens charge, Dauphen County, Pa., and the New Bloomfield charge, Perry County, Pa., and the Christ Church charge, Adams County, Pa. He died at Broadheadsville, Monroe County, Pa., Dec. 3d, 1892, aged fifty-six years, eight months and nine days. He was twenty-nine years in the active ministry.

ISRAEL URIAH ELLSWORTH KUNKLE.

I. U. E. Kunkle was born near Mervin, in Westmoreland County, Pa., Jan. 5th, 1863, and graduated from Heidelberg College in 1891 and from the seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, in 1894. He served charges in Mohican, New Berlin, and Petersburg, Ohio, and in Sharpsville, Pa. He died in Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 29th, 1917, aged fifty-four years and twenty-four days.

CHARLES KUSS.

Charles Kuss was born in Hamburg, Germany, Oct. 23d. 1816, and died in Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 11th, 1893, aged seventy-six years, ten months and eighteen days. He prepared for the ministry in the University of Berlin, Germany. He came to America in 1848. He was licensed

and ordained by Miami Classis, Ohio Synod. He served charges at Louisville, Ky., Sandusky, Ohio, Monroeville, Pa., and Buffalo, N. Y. He retired from the ministry in 1885 and moved to Rochester, N. Y.

LEWIS THEODORE LAMPE

Lewis Theodore Lampe, son of J. Henry and Elizabeth M. Lampe, was born in Frederick, Md., July 3d, 1866, and died in Somerset, Pa., Dec. 25th, 1906, aged forty years, five months and twenty-two days. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in '1890, and from the seminary at Lancaster in 1893. He was licensed by Maryland Classis in May, 1893, and on June 1st, of the same year, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Beam's charge in Somerset County, Pa. The climate was too cold for him and after three years service he went to Lovettsville, Va. In May, 1904, he was compelled to give up his work and enter a hospital in Frederick, Md. Later he resided for a while in Somerset, and then went to Garrett to become a bank cashier. Here, again, the climate was too severe for him, and he died of pneumonia, and was buried in Mt. Oliver cemetery in Frederick, Md.

THOMAS S. LAND

Thomas S. Land, D. D., was born at Blue Bell, Pa., April 16th, 1854. His father, a union soldier in the Civil War, dying in the Confederate prison at Salisbury, N. C., he was placed in the Womelsdorf Orphans' Home. At the age of fifteen he entered Palatinate College, and graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1874. In 1879 he graduated from the Eastern Theological Seminary. He served pastorates at Brandon, and Macoquita, Ia., Turbotville, Centre Hall, Meadville, Brush Creek and Millersville, Pa., and Manchester, Md. He was also president of Allentown College for Women, for a short time. He died June 8th, 1916, aged sixty-two years and four months.

W. M. LANDIS

W. M. Landis, died July 19th, 1899, at Rebersburg, Pa., aged sixty-three years. He entered the ministry in 1864. His first field was in Harmony, Pa. It had been much reduced and became a mission. He was sent there by the missionary committee of St. Paul's Classis. He preached, acted as organist, and led the singing, and the mission became self-supporting. In 1871 he went to Lykens, Dauphin County, Pa. There was no organization. In one year a congregation of 60 members was gathered and a church and parsonage built. Then he was eleven years in the Rebersburg charge, Center Co., Pa., where two new churches and a parsonage were built and paid for, and the benevolence increased from \$150 a year to \$350. In 1883 Mr. Landis went to the Beaver Springs charge in Snyder County, Pa., and was there for fifteen years. Here two new churches and a parsonage were built at a cost of \$30,000. He was thirty-three years in the ministry. He has a son in the ministry, Rev. W. H. Landis, of Derry, Pa.

FRANKLIN EDWARD LAUFFER

Franklin E. Lauffer was born Aug. 9th, 1859, near Denmark Manor Church, Penn Township, Westmoreland County, Pa. His parents were Isaac Lauffer and wife. He was educated at Laird Academy, Washington and Jefferson College, and Eastern Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1889. He served charges at Salina, Pa., Canfield, Ohio, Farmersville, Ohio, North Hampton, Ohio, Aaronsburg, Pa., Martinsburg, Pa., Baltimore, Ohio, and Corrigansville, Md. He was married to Miss Emma E. Klingman in Sept., 1897, and became the father of two children: Ruth and Paul. He died at Corrigansville, April 5th, 1912, aged fifty-two years, five months and twenty-six days.

LAWRENCE D. LEBERMAN

Lawrence D. Leberman whose parents were Bavarian Jews, and whose father was murdered by pirates at sea, came to America and for some time made his living by

pedling. He studied under Rauch and Mayer at York. Near the close of 1847 he became pastor of a charge in Clarion County, Pa., south of the Clarion River. He organized congregations at Mt. Zion's, Squirrel Hill and Shannondale. In 1848 the charge was divided into an east and west section. Rev. Leberman took the east section including Redbank, Salem, etc. From 1858 to 1866 he was pastor at Meadville, Dutch Hill and the Marsh. Then he was missionary secretary with headquarters at Reading for some time. Later he was pastor of the Limerick charge and then of Pottstown, Amityville and Baums-town. During the last few years of his life he resided in Philadelphia, and he was buried at Reading. He had a strong personality, was a fine preacher in German and English, and had good executive abilities. During his pastorate at Meadville the Reformed congregation separated from the Lutherans and built their own church. In 1869 he was a delegate to the General Synod from Lebanon Classis.

CHAPTER XIX.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF MINISTERS NOW DECEASED —*Continued.*

WILLIAM D. LEFEVRE

William D. Lefevre was born near Littlestown, Adams County, Pa., March 1st, 1837, and graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1862, and from the Theological Seminary in Mercersburg in 1864. He was ordained Oct. 27th, 1864, at a meeting of Synod held at Lancaster, Pa. He was pastor at Sulphur Springs, Pa.; Martinsburg, Va.; Greenfield, Shellsburg, Stoyestown, and Elderton, Pa. He died at Dover, Del., Oct. 25th, 1913, aged seventy-six years, seven months and twenty-four days.

GEORGE LEIDY

George Leidy, was born in Montgomery County, Pa., Nov. 7th, 1793, and died in Norristown, Pa., May 30th, 1879, aged eighty-five years, six months and twenty-three days. In 1813, he began his studies for the ministry under his uncle, Rev. Casper Wack, in Germantown, Pa., and continued them for five years. He was licensed in 1818, and ordained in 1819. He labored for five and one-half months in Virginia and North Carolina as a traveling missionary and then settled at Woodstock, Va., where he labored three years; then at Westminister, Md., eight years; in Cumberland Valley four years; and at Shellsburg nine years. Here he was a member of the Eastern District of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, later Westmoreland Classis. Then he resided for a time at Carlisle, Pa., and finally at Norristown, Pa., until his death.

FRANKLIN K. LEVAN

Franklin K. Levan, D. D., was born in Maxatawney Township, Berks County, Pa., July 25th, 1831, and died in Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 13th, 1874. He graduated from

Franklin and Marshall College in 1853. After a course in the seminary at Mercersburg he was licensed to preach by Westmoreland Classis in 1856 and became pastor of the Somerset charge. In 1861 he was elected principal of the Mt. Pleasant College, from which he retired in 1868. He lived for a while near Pittsburgh and was superintendent of Missions for Westmoreland Classis, and later for the Tri-Synodic Board. In 1878 he went to Wilkesbarre as pastor of Zion's Reformed Church, where he remained until his death. He was for some years a regular contributor to the *Messenger* under the pen-name of Wyoming. He died suddenly and was greatly mourned. The family is of Huguenot origin.

CARL AUGUST LIMBERG

Carl August Limberg was born in Elberfeld, Germany, Dec. 24th, 1824, and came to America in 1848. He graduated from Heidelberg Theological Seminary in 1854, and the same year became pastor of the Clearfield charge in Clearfield County, Pa. He was pastor at Butler and several neighboring congregations in 1867, when he was appointed superintendent of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, in which position he served for about four years. He then served several congregations again in Butler County. He died in Butler, June 13th, 1900, aged seventy-five years, five months and nineteen days.

GEORGE ELIAS LIMBERT

George Elias Limbert, son of Henry and Catherine (Long) Limbert, was born in Madisonburg, Centre County, Pa., Dec. 30th, 1865, and died Feb. 25th, 1907, in Altoona, Pa., aged forty-one years, one month and twenty-five days. He prepared for college at Spring Mills Academy, and taught at Madisonburg and Millheim. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1890, and from the Lancaster Seminary in 1893. His first charge was Grove City, Mercer County, Pa., where he labored seven years. He organized a new congregation in Grove City, and was stated clerk of St. Paul's Classis. In

1900 he became pastor in Danville, Pa., and in 1905 came to Altoona, Pa. He left a wife, whose maiden name was Flora Moyer, and one son Paul, who was valedictorian of his class at Franklin and Marshall College in 1918.

JOHN WESLEY LOVE

John Wesley Love, D. D., was born in New Windsor, Md., March 9th, 1834. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1860, and from the Seminary in Mercersburg in 1862. He was licensed by the Eastern Synod at Chambersburg, Pa., and entered upon his work in Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pa., where he remained eight years. His second charge was the Second Reformed Church of Greensburg, and the Seanor's congregation, seven miles south of Greensburg. A new congregation was organized at New Stanton, and new churches built at the three places. He remained here sixteen years. A parsonage was also built at Greensburg. Mr. Love's next field of labor was at Wichita, Kansas, where also a church was built. He next served the Kansas City mission, and for the last four years of his life was supply pastor at St. Joseph, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., and at Columbus Junction, Iowa. He died Dec. 21st, 1907, aged seventy-three years, nine months and twelve days.

LORAN BIGELOW LEASURE

Loran Bigelow Leasure, son of Abraham and Barbara (Lobengier) Leasure, was born near Madison, Westmoreland County, Pa., Oct. 26th, 1826. He was married to Miss Anna Tinsman, Nov. 20th, 1855, and became the father of eight children. He was licensed to preach by a quarterly conference of the U. B. Church, Jan. 30th, 1852, and was ordained by an annual conference, which met at Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., Jan. 4th, 1862. He was received into the Reformed Church by Westmoreland Classis in 1866, and served a charge in Somerset County, one in Kittanning and Emlenton, one at Wilkinsburg, and one at Scottsdale, Pa. He died Nov. 9th, 1881, aged fifty-five years and thirteen days.

JOHN F. MACKLEY

John F. Mackley was born in Littlestown, Pa., graduated at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., in 1876. He attended a medical college and became an M. D. in 1882. After practicing several years he entered the Eastern Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1886. He served charges at Emlenton, Maytown, St. Thomas and the Fairfield-Cashtown charge, Pa. He died at Fairfield, Pa., Sept. 16th, 1914.

JOHN PETER MAHNENSCHMIDT

John Peter Mahnenschmidt was born in Somerset or Westmoreland County, Pa., in 1783. He for a time followed the calling of school teacher. He was instructed in the Heidelberg Catechism by a colleague of Rev. Otterbein. He often spoke at prayer meetings. In his nineteenth year he preached a funeral sermon. In 1806, at the earnest solicitation of the members, he began to preach to vacant congregations in Washington County. He was licensed as a catechist in 1811, and to preach in 1812, and ordained in 1817. He came from Mahoning County, Ohio, and preached at Zion's, seven miles south of Mercer and at Good Hope, in Mercer County, Pa., for seventeen years. He died July 11th, 1857 in Canfield, Ohio, aged about seventy-four years.

JOSIAH MAY

Josiah May was born in Bedford County, Pa., Oct. 19th, 1826, and graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1858, and from the Eastern Theological Seminary several years later, and was ordained by Tiffin Classis in 1864. He served charges at Findlay, Ohio, Cochran, Pa., Balm, St. John's, and Sugar Creek, Butler County, Pa., and Wills Creek, Pa. He died at Bayard, W. Va., Nov. 27th, 1913, at the age of eighty-seven years, one month and eight days.

LUCIAN JOHN MAYER

Lucien John Mayer was born in West Brunswick, Schuylkill County, Pa., Aug. 14th, 1834, a son of Rev. Philip Mayer and wife, and died at Oak Lane, Philadelphia, Pa., July 27th, 1903, aged sixty-eight years, eleven months and thirteen days. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1858, and from the Mercersburg Seminary in 1860. He was licensed by Schuylkill Classis and ordained by St. Paul's Classis. He took the Clarks-ville charge, consisting of five congregations. In 1862 the charge was divided and he continued to serve Hickory, Coalbank and Clarksville. In 1864 the charge was again divided, two new congregations having been organized, one in Sharon, Pa., and another in Hubbard, Ohio. In Oct. 1866 he took the Swamp charge in Montgomery County, Pa., where he served twenty-one years. Then he removed to Saegertown for a period of rest, but supplied the Sharon charge, which was vacant at the time. In 1891 he went to Reamstown, Pa., and a few years later to For-eston, Ill., where he was pastor for nine years. Then he came to the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Dechant, where he died shortly afterwards. He was forty-three years in the active pastorate. His body was buried at Saegertown, Pa.

JOHN MCCONNELL

John McConnell was born in York County, Pa., June 24th, 1823. He served as a soldier in the Mexican War. He was married to Miss Rachael Humbertson in 1849, with whom he lived for over sixty-two years. He was licensed to preach by Westmoreland Classis in 1853 and preached for six months as supply at Grantsville, and nearby congregations. He was ordained by Miami Classis in 1855. He served at Jonesboro, Ill., at Stoutsville, Ohio, Johnstown, Ohio, Corydon, Ind., St. James and Salina, Pa.; and at Henshews, Cookport and New Castle, Pa., as supply. He died at Salina, Pa., Feb. 16th, 1913, aged eighty-nine years, six months and twenty-two days.

BLOCADUS S. METZGER

Blocadus S. Metzger was born in Allentown, Pa. He graduated from the Eastern Theological Seminary in 1877. He served congregations in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania. He was pastor of the Paradise charge in Clarion Classis from 1885 to 1890. On account of throat trouble he gave up the ministry and studied and practiced medicine from 1898 until his death on Jan. 14th, 1914.

WILLOUGHBY H. MILLHOUSE

Willoughby H. Millhouse was born Nov. 13th, 1867, in Lehigh County, Pa., and was educated at Palatinate College, Franklin and Marshall College and the Seminary at Lancaster, graduating from College in 1896 and from the Theological Seminary in 1899. He was licensed by Lehigh Classis the same year. He served pastorates at Towamansing, Sharon, Beam's charge, and Leck Kill, Pa. He died in Allentown, Pa., May 27th, 1916, aged forty-eight years, six months and fourteen days.

EMIL F. J. MUEHE

Emil F. J. Muehe was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1865. His mother dying when he was young, he became a waif, took several sea voyages and finally was found in an industrial home in his native city. He was confirmed in the Third Reformed Church. He learned the carpenter trade but felt a call to the ministry. He was for some time at Mercersburg Academy and graduated from the seminary at Lancaster in 1895, and became pastor at McKeesport, Pa. His health soon broke down and after spending a winter in North Carolina, and some time in Denver, Colo., he returned to Lancaster, Pa., where he died Feb. 15th, 1899, at the age of thirty-four years.

FRANCIS NETCHER

Francis Netcher was born April 15th, 1826, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. He came to America with his parents when twelve years old and settled near Buffalo. He

studied in the college in Mercersburg and Lancaster, graduating in 1854, and in the seminary in 1856. He served the Benders charge in Adams County, Pa., from 1856 to 1858. He went to the Red Bank charge in Clarion County, Pa., in May, 1858. He died April 16th, 1859, aged thirty-three years and one day.

AARON NOLL

Aaron Noll was born at Montgomery, Pa., Apr. 7th, 1861, and prepared for college at Milton, Pa.; graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in 1885, and in the Eastern Seminary in 1888. He served charges at Hazelton, Pa., Youngstown, Ohio, Calvary, Philadelphia, West Milton, McKeesport, Montgomery, and Scranton, Pa. He died at Scranton, Pa., July 8th, 1914, at the age of fifty-three years, two months and one day.

JOSIAH J. PENNYPACKER

Josiah J. Pennypacker was born in Philadelphia, Dec. 13th, 1835. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1864, and was for a time in the army and in the Sanitary Commission. He graduated in the Mercersburg Seminary in 1867. His first charge was in Armstrong County, Pa. From 1878 to 1882 he was principal of Clarion Collegiate Institute, doing also considerable preaching. In Jan., 1883, he took charge of the Mercer mission. He died April 23d, 1884, aged forty-eight years, four months and eleven days.

JOHN A. PETERS

John A. Peters, D. D., was born in Hagerstown, Md., June 25th, 1832. Later, the family moved to Lancaster County, Pa. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1857. He was principal of the Irwin Academy from 1857 to 1859. Then he was tutor in Latin and Mathematics in Mt. Washington College, Md., from 1859 to 1861. He studied theology from 1861 to 1864 at Mercersburg, Pa. He was pastor at Mt. Pleasant from 1864

to 1869; at Carlisle from 1869 to 1870; tutor at Franklin and Marshall College from 1870 to 1871; pastor at Alexandria, Pa., from 1871 to 1878; pastor of the First Reformed church, Lancaster, Pa., from 1879 to 1884, at Danville from 1884 to 1891. He was president of the literary department of Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio, from 1891 to 1901. He died Sept. 28th, 1901, and was buried in the Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, Pa. His age was sixty-nine years, three months, and three days. He was president of the Board of Home Missions for a number of years.

FREDERICK PILGRIM

Frederick Pilgrim was born in Huntershausen, Hesse-Cassel, Germany, Dec. 24th, 1837. He came with his mother and sisters to America and settled in Philadelphia in 1857. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1863 and from the Seminary at Mercersburg in 1866, was licensed by Philadelphia Classis, and ordained by St. Paul's Classis in the same year, and was pastor of the Shenango charge in Mercer County, Pa., for two years then at Columbia, Pa., for four years, and again of the Shenango charge for fifteen years. Then he was at Irwin, Pa., for a few years, after which he moved back to Greenville and supplied some vacant congregations in St. Paul's Classis, and after a short residence in Braddock, he moved to Lancaster County, and took the pastorate of the Bethany charge. He died July 5th, 1896, in a hospital in Philadelphia, aged fifty-eight years, seven months and eleven days. He was a good musician. Rev. Robert J. Pilgrim of Lancaster, is a son of Rev. F. Pilgrim.

JOHN HASSLER PRUGH

John Hassler Prugh, D. D., son of Rev. Peter Cornelius and Catherine Prugh, was born at Xenia, Ohio, Oct. 23d, 1854, and died in Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22d, 1915, aged sixty-one years, one month and twenty-nine days. Dr. Prugh was educated in a Lutheran college at Springfield, Ohio, and at the U. P. Theological Seminary at

Xenia, Ohio, graduating in 1880. His only pastorate was that of Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. He was president of Pittsburgh Synod one year and of the General Synod one triennium. He was the minister longest in the service of one congregation in Pittsburgh when he died, having been pastor of Grace Church thirty-five years. He was vice-president of the Board of Foreign Missions for a number of years.

DANIEL RAUHAUSER

Daniel Rauhauser, of whose early life there seems to be no record, appears in the list of ministers in 1821. At this time he was pastor at Harmony, in Butler County, and at Wolf's Creek and Cribb's in Mercer County, Pa. He labored here eight or ten years. He then removed to Ashland, Ohio, and had four congregations, where he remained to the close of his life. He died in Mifflin, Ohio, Jan. 3d, 1848.

J. S. REGNIER

J. S. Regnier came from Switzerland. He succeeded Rev. Henry Geise as pastor of the Berlin charge, Somerset County, Pa. He remained here from Nov. 3d, 1834, to Nov. 1835, when he removed to Bethlehem, Ohio, and after some years died there.

C. H. REITER

C. H. Reiter was born Oct. 17th, 1816, and died Nov. 17th, 1881, aged seventy-five years and one month. He was a graduate of the seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, 1855. He served charges at Carrollton and Smithville, Ohio, Aaronsburg, Woodcock Valley, and Orbisonia, Pa. His last charge was Glencoe, Somerset County, Pa. He preached the gospel for thirty-six years. His last few years were spent at Marklesburg, Pa., from where he did considerable supply work. His funeral was largely attended, and was in charge of Rev. C. U. Heilman. Revs. Dr. Rupley, Heilman, and Pontius made addresses.

JOHN RUHL

John Ruhl was born in Iba, in Hesse, Germany, May 4th, 1821, and came to America in 1836. He studied privately under Rev. Isaac Shellhammer in Luzerne County, Pa., and Rev. John W. Hamm, in Ohio. He was licensed in 1845 by Sandusky Classis and appointed missionary at various points in Medina and Summit Counties, Ohio. From 1847 to 1860 he served pastorates at Congress, Meron, Defiance and Bazil, Ohio. Then his voice failed and he studied medicine and practiced until 1869, when he came to Frostburg, Md., and was pastor there for sixteen years, and built up a flourishing congregation. He died in Frostburg, May 29th, 1885, aged sixty-four years and twenty-five days.

WILLIAM RUPP

William Rupp, D. D., was born in Lehigh County, Pa., April 17th, 1839, and prepared for the ministry at Allentown Seminary, Franklin and Marshall College, and the seminary at Mercersburg, graduating from the latter in 1864. He was pastor at St. Clair, and Berlin, Pa., Manchester, Md., and Meyersdale, Pa. He was installed as Pittsburgh Synod's professor in the Seminary at Lancaster, in Sept. 1893. He received the degree of D. D., from Franklin and Marshall College in 1886. He died Apr. 3d, 1904, aged sixty-four years, eleven months and sixteen days. A fuller sketch appears elsewhere.

CHRISTIAN C. RUSSELL

C. C. Russell was born in Washington County, Md., Oct. 7th, 1827. He was confirmed by Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger in the Salem Church, near Waynesboro, Pa. He graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in 1853. He taught for a year and a half, and then studied in the seminary at Mercersburg, and was licensed to preach in 1856. His first charge was Columbia, Pa. Then he went to Westmoreland County, and preached in a number of congregations as a co-laborer with Father Voigt, for about fif-

teen years. His last charge was in Kent County, Delaware. He died Nov. 17th, 1871, in Philadelphia, aged forty-four years, one month and ten days.

GEORGE BESORE RUSSELL

George B. Russell, D. D. L. L. D., was born at Russell's Mill, near Leitersburg, Washington Co., Md., Aug. 18th, 1824, and died at his residence, "Trek's End," Waynesboro, Pa., Jan. 5th, 1907, aged eighty-three years, four months and seventeen days. He graduated from Marshall College in 1849. He then taught in Middletown, Md., for two years and was tutor in Marshall Academy for two years, taking, at the same time, the course in theology under Drs. Schaff and Nevin. He was licensed in Oct., 1853, and soon after ordained by Lancaster Classis and sent as a missionary to Pittsburgh, where he succeeded in founding Grace Church in 1854. Here he labored eight years, developing the congregation, and building a church, partly by personal collections abroad. In 1863 he organized a mission in Allegheny. He organized several other missions, and was the first pastor of Grace mission in Washington, D. C. He published the "*Pastor's Helper*," the first Sunday School paper in the Reformed Church, and was associate editor of the *Messenger* and "*Book Editor*." He edited and published the "*New Era*," for the Pittsburgh Synod, for several years, 1873 and 1876, and was one of the founders of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa. He wrote "*The Ripe Harvest*," "*Creed and Customs*," "*Jesus in the Home*," and "*Four-score and More*," which last is an autobiography. He was for two years president of Palatinate College at Myerstown, Pa. In 1883 Dr. Russell moved to his farm near Waynesboro, where he lived for a number of years, supplying a congregation at Mount Alto, and afterwards to a residence in Waynesboro, in 1903.

WILLIAM B. SANDOE

William B. Sandoe, son of Abraham and Nancy Sandoe, was born in Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 2d, 1814. When twen-

one years of age he enlisted in the U. S. Army, and served three years under Col. Kearney with General Zachary Taylor in the Florida War with the Indians. Then he taught school, was received into the Reformed Church in 1841 by Rev. I. F. Steely. He was ordained to the ministry on May 22d, 1850 by the Free Synod of the German Reformed Church. He served eleven different charges, among them Henshews, Butler County, Pa. He died Jan. 23d, 1890, aged seventy-five years, four months and twenty-one days. He nearly completed forty years in the ministry.

CASPER SCHEEL

Casper Scheel was born in Neuengronau, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Aug. 24th, 1830, and came to Pittsburgh in 1846, where he became acquainted with Rev. Samuel Miller, of Harmony, Pa., by whom he was persuaded to study for the ministry at Heidelberg College and the seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. He was licensed to preach by Clarion Classis in 1855. He served several charges: at Littlestown, Pa., and in Ohio, Indiana and Maryland. His last charge was at Zelienople, Pa., where he served seventeen years. He died May 14th, 1915, aged eighty-four years, six months and twenty days.

JOHN M. SCHICK

John M. Schick, D. D., born at Richmond, Va., Nov. 8th, 1848, was educated at Westmoreland College, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary, was licensed by Allegheny Classis in 1876, and the same year, ordained by Mercersburg Classis. He served charges at Orbisonia, Myersdale, Shenango, Pa., Tiffin, Ohio, and Washington, D. C., where under his pastorate a fine new church was built. He was stated clerk of Pittsburgh Synod from 1884 to 1894. He died at Washington, D. C., July 12th, 1913, aged sixty-four years, six months and twenty-two days.

FRANCIS R. SCHWEDES

Francis R. Schwedes, D. D., was born in Kirchbaum, Hesse, Germany, May 31st, 1830, died at Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 26th, 1903, aged seventy-three years, three months and twenty-five days. He was educated in the Gymnasium of Heresfeld, and the University of Marburg. He came to America through the influence of Dr. Schaff, giving several more years to the study of theology at Mercersburg, graduating in 1861. He was pastor at Covington, Ky., from 1861 to 1868, at Fort Wayne, Ind., from 1868 to 1874. In 1873 he was called to the chair of German Literature in Tiffin College, but went to Germany for six months, and then returned and took the congregation at Cumberland, Md. His last pastorate was at Terre Haute, Ind., from 1887 to 1897. He was in retirement for six years before his death. He was very successful in building up his congregations. Franklin and Marshall College gave him the degree of D. D. in 1895.

GUSTAV A. SCHWEDES

Gustav A. Schwedes, son of Rev. Francis R. Schwedes, D. D., was born in Covington, Ky., June 20th, 1866, and died in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 2d, 1919, aged fifty-two years, eight months and twelve days. He was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Seminary, graduating from the seminary in 1885. He served charges in Frostburg, Md., Kutztown, Bethlehem, and Allentown, Pa. He served Christ Church, Bethlehem, Pa., for twenty-one years. His health failed three years before his death, and he was in New Mexico to get the benefit of the climate when he died.

JOSEPH G. SHOEMAKER

Joseph G. Shoemaker was born in Friend's Cove, Bedford County, Pa., Aug. 15th, 1828. His parents were Philip J. and Christina Shoemaker. He took a partial course in Marshall College. In the spring of 1854 he entered the seminary at Mercersburg. He was licensed to

preach by the Eastern Synod at Chambersburg, Pa., in the fall of 1855. On March 1st, 1856, he became pastor of the Curllsville, Pa., charge, where he remained for eighteen years. He then served charges in Reading, Aaronzburg, Pa., Emporia, Kansas, Alexandria, Ohio, and Red Band, Pa. He died Oct. 20th, 1896, aged sixty-eight years, two months and five days.

SAMUEL SHAW

Samuel Shaw was born in Morrow County, Ohio, March 25th, 1835, and was educated at Tiffin, Ohio. He was licensed Oct. 20th, 1860, and ordained May 5th, 1861. He was pastor at Fostoria, Ohio, for two years; Port Jefferson and other points, eight years; Delmont, Pa., two years; Liberty Centre, Ohio, a short time; Corothers, Ohio, twelve years; Marmont, Ind., four years; Lone Tree and Conesville, Iowa, one year; Tipton, Iowa, three years. He died April 7th, 1897, aged sixty-two years and thirteen days.

E. D. SHOEMAKER

E. D. Shoemaker was born in Friend's Cove, Bedford County, Pa., June 29th, 1829, and was the son of Henry P. and Charlotte Shoemaker. The family is of Swiss origin and has belonged to the Reformed Church since the Reformation. Rev. Shoemaker's grandparents came to America in 1760. Mr. Shoemaker was educated at Lancaster, but left college at the end of the sophomore year. Later he entered the Seminary at Mercersburg from which he graduated in 1860. He was ordained and installed as pastor of the Kittanning charge in Armstrong County, Pa., by Revs. J. G. Shoemaker, J. S. Shade and F. Wise. A large number of people were added to the church; but he overtaxed his strength, and had to withdraw at the end of two years. In 1864 he became pastor of the Latrobe charge in Westmoreland County, Pa., where he labored for three years, when his health broke down, and he had to give up preaching for three years. In 1870 he became pastor of the Yellow Creek charge in Bedford County, Pa., where he labored for four years, and then

moved to Bedford to recover his health. In 1876 he was elected register and recorder of Bedford County, and also for a second term. In 1891 he removed to Philadelphia, Pa., where he lived until the time of his death. He died Feb. 27th, 1902, aged seventy-two years, seven months and twenty-eight days. His active ministry lasted only fourteen years, and of these he was able to labor but nine.

DAVID OTTO SHOEMAKER

David Otto Shoemaker, son of Philip J. Shoemaker, was born in Friend's Cove, Bedford County, Pa., March 30th, 1833. He studied in an academy at Rainsburg, took a partial course in Franklin and Marshall College and the course in Mercersburg Seminary, graduating in 1860. He served charges at Fairview, St. Petersburg, Shamokin, Augusta, Nittany Valley, and Stoyestown, Pa. He died Aug. 25th, 1893, aged sixty years, four months and twenty-five days.

JONAS BUCKWALTER SHONTZ

Jonas Buckwalter Shontz, son of Christian and Marie (Buckwalter) Shontz, was born near Marklesburg, Huntington County, Pa., May 13th, 1837. His father was a school teacher, and his mother lived to be nearly ninety years of age. He entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1859, to study for the ministry, but enlisted in 1861, and served in the army during the Civil War, and then kept store for four years. He entered the seminary in Mercersburg in 1868, and graduated in 1870. His charges were: Wilton Junction and Tipton, Iowa, from 1871 to 1876; Wilkesbarre, Pa., from 1876 to 1877; chaplain of the Maryland Penitentiary from 1877 to 1882; Shippensburg, Pa., from 1882 to 1886; Grace Church, Akron, Ohio, from 1886 to 1888; Chambersburg, Pa., from 1889 to 1904. From 1904 to his death he supplied several churches, and was pastor at Homestead, Pa., for two years. He died in Chambersburg, Pa., Nov. 15th, 1914, aged seventy-seven years, six months and two days.

LUCIEN WILSON SHOWERS

Lucien Wilson Showers was born at McAllisterville, Pa., Oct. 8th, 1850. He entered the ministry of the M. E. Church and served several charges in that communion. In 1892 he was received into the Reformed ministry by Clarion Classis. He served as pastor of the Plum Creek charge in Armstrong County, Pa., a charge in North Carolina, and one in Fayette, N. Y. He died at Kittanning, Pa., Feb. 10th, 1912, aged sixty-one years, four months and two days.

WILLIAM C. B. SCHULENBERGER

William C. B. Shulenberger was born August 7th, 1838, at Newburg, Cumberland County, Pa., a son of John and Jeannette (Beatty) Shulenberger, and died March 28th, 1912, aged seventy-three years, seven months and twenty-one days. At twenty-four he went to Lacon, Ill., and taught school for three years, reading law at the same time. He came back and entered the seminary at Mercersburg, graduating in 1868. He was ordained in 1869, and became pastor at St. Thomas in Franklin County, Pa. In 1871 he went to Middlebrook, Va., for two years. The next year he was missionary at Scottdale, Pa. Then he was at St. Petersburg, Pa., for nine years, where a handsome new church was built during his pastorate. From here he went to West Alexandria, Ohio, for two years, and from there to Shelby, Ohio, where he labored seven years. From Shelby he went to Lancaster, Ohio, remaining two years. In 1885 he became pastor of the Reformed Church in Emmitsburg, Md., which he served until 1903, when he retired, having been in the active ministry for thirty-five years. He was very much afflicted during his last years. In 1911 he moved to Hagerstown, where he died and was buried.

ISAAC A. SITES

Isaac A. Sites, son of George and Susanna Sites, was born in Fairview, Randolph County, Ind., Aug. 9th, 1846,

and educated in Heidelberg College and Seminary, graduating from the seminary in 1870. He was pastor at New Jefferson, Ill.; Dakota, Ill.; Freeport, Ill.; Columbus Junction, Iowa; Ada, Ohio; Fostoria, Ill., and South Bend, Pa. He was financial agent for Northern Illinois College, and was the author of two books, one called "*The Well Driller*." He died March 10th, 1903, aged fifty-six years, seven months and one day.

NEHEMIAH H. SKYLES

Nehemiah H. Skyles was born at Martinsburg, Pa., June 22d, 1837, and died at Woodstock, Va., Dec. 3d, 1918, aged eighty-five years, five months and thirteen days. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1868, and from the seminary at Mercersburg, in 1862. In 1863 he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Shellsburg charge in Bedford County, Pa., by Mercersburg Classis. He was pastor at Sulphur Springs, Va., from 1873 to 1875; Jefferson, Md., from 1875 to 1888; at Jeannette, Pa., from 1888 to 1893; at Woodstock, Va., from 1893 to 1908. His wife preceded him in death. He was survived by six children, among whom are Rev. E. P. Skyles, of Cumberland, Md., and Major W. W. Skyles.

ADDISON CALVIN SNYDER

Addison Calvin Snyder was born near Boquet, Westmoreland County, Pa., June 9th, 1857, and graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1883, and from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, in 1885. He pursued special studies at Grove City College and the Lancaster Seminary, and received titles, Ph.D. from Grove City, and B. D. from Lancaster. He served charges at Plum Creek, Pa.; Harrisonville, Va.; Glencoe, and Pitcairn, Pa. He died Dec. 10th, 1905, aged forty-eight years, six months and one day.

JAMES B. STONESIFER

James B. Stonesifer was born in Littlestown, Pa., Jan. 14th, 1859, and graduated in Muhlenberg College, Allen-

town, Pa., in 1886, and later, graduated in the Eastern Theological Seminary. He served pastorates at Glencoe, and Shellsburg, Pa., Winchester, Va., Carroll charge, Md., Mt. Crawford, Va., and Fort London, Pa. He died Nov. 15th, 1916, aged fifty-seven years, ten months and one day.

JOHN H. SYKES

John H. Sykes was born at Barnsley, Yorkshire, England, Nov. 5th, 1834. He arrived in America, June 18th, 1856. He taught school for two years, and was then taken under the care of East Pennsylvania Classis as a student for the ministry. He attended Allentown Seminary for two years, and afterwards had charge of the Allentown High School for three years and of the Easton High School for two years, and a select school at Bethlehem for some time. He was licensed to preach in 1863 and ordained and installed as pastor at South Easton in 1864, which congregation he served along with his teaching. In 1866 he was pastor of the Somerset charge for a year, and then taught in Westmoreland College for a year or more. After this he was pastor at Martinsburg, Woodcock Valley, and Greencastle, Pa. He died Nov. 10th, 1880, aged forty-six years and five days.

JOSEPH B. THOMPSON

Joseph B. Thompson was born in Montgomery County, Pa., Aug. 9th, 1820, and entered the preparatory department of Marshall College in 1840 or 1841, and took an irregular course in college, and spent two years in the Mercersburg Seminary, leaving in 1848. He entered upon pastoral work in the west. He was superintendent of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., from June 14th, 1871 to April 1st, 1877, and pastor of the Red Bank charge, in Clarion Classis, for the next five years. In March 1882, he accepted a call from the Canaan charge, in Wayne County, Ohio. Here he died Oct. 16th, 1882, at the age of sixty-two years, two months and three days.

JOHN MARTIN TITZEL

John Martin Titzel, D. D., son of Christian and Mary (Rupp) Titzel, was born in Mechanicsburg, Pa., March 19th, 1832, and graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1854. From 1854 to 1856 he was principal of a High School in Lebanon, Pa. He graduated from the seminary in 1858. His first pastorate was at Shepards-town, Va., and in 1862, he became pastor of the Reformed churches at Emmitsburg, Md., and at Fairfield, Pa., where he labored ten years. Then he was six years at Irwin, Pa., and six years at Altoona, Pa., and then pastor, and the last few years, pastor emeritus, of the First Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pa. He was on the Peace Commission, which also prepared the Directory of Worship, was on the staff of the *Messenger* for a time, and one of the editors of the *Reformed Church Review*. He was a great scholar, and wrote many book reviews and articles for the church periodicals. He died June 16th, 1905, aged seventy-three years, two months and twenty-seven days.

JOHN VOEGLIN

John Voeglin entered the ministry in 1869, was received from Maryland Classis by Westmoreland Classis in 1870 and is reported as pastor of the St. James Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1871. For several years later he is reported as serving independent congregations at and near Dunkirk, N. Y. After this he served various pastorates, the last being St. John's, Philadelphia, Pa., where he died Sept. 15th, 1901, aged fifty-eight years.

JOHN SHOCKEY WAGNER

John S. Wagner, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Shockey) Wagner was born near the town of Salisbury, Elk Lick Township, Somerset County, Pa., July 29th, 1848, and was baptized by Rev. B. Knepper, and confirmed by Rev. Wm. A. Gring. In 1868 he was received as a student for the ministry by Westmoreland Classis and went to Mercersburg to prepare for college. He graduated from Frank-

lin and Marshall College in 1874, sharing with a classmate the Marshall oration. He graduated from the Eastern Seminary in 1878. His first charge was Stoyestown, Pa. Then he was for a year and ten months at Williamsport, Pa. His last charge was New Centreville in his native county of Somerset. He died Apr. 28th, 1891, aged forty-two years, eight months and twenty-nine days. He was in the ministry for twelve years.

CHARLES ELMER WAGNER

Charles Elmer Wagner was born near Newville, Cumberland County, Pa., Aug. 20th, 1869. He was educated at Mercersburg Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating from the seminary in 1896. He was licensed and ordained by Carlisle Classis, May 16th, 1896. He was pastor at Delmont, and at Connellsville, Pa. He was for years president of the Sunday School Board of Pittsburgh Synod. He died at Connellsville, Pa., March 27th, 1918, aged forty-eight years, seven months and seven days.

JOHNSON J. WAGONER

Johnson J. Wagoner was born in Rural Valley in Armstrong County, Pa., March 12th, 1852. He was educated in Adrian College, Adrian, Mich., and later took a post graduate course in Heidelberg University. In 1875 he was ordained in the Methodist Protestant Church and served congregations in that communion for fifteen years. In 1890 he became a minister in Clarion Classis for the Reformed Church, and served pastorates at Emlenton, Turtle Creek, and South Bend, Pa., Millersburg, Ind., St. Jacobs, near Tiffin, Ohio, and also served charges at Germano, Mochican and Marshallville, Ohio. He died in Akron, Ohio, Sept. 22d, 1916, aged sixty-four years, six months and nine days.

FREDERICK WAHL

Frederick Wahl was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 21st, 1821, and came to America in 1832. At the age of fifteen years he became a devout member of the Albright Church, at Salem, Ohio. In his twenty-first year he entered the ministry in that communion. In 1845 he came into the Reformed Church, and was an active pastor in this communion for thirty-three years. He served pastorates in Ohio and western Pennsylvania: at Berlin, the Shenango charge, Watson Run, the Mercer mission, Pa., and in Indiana and Iowa. In 1878 he passed over into the Presbyterian Church. He died in Hallsville, Ohio, July 14th, 1881, aged sixty years, three months and twenty-four days.

WILLIAM WEINEL

William Weinell was born in Mittel-Grum-Dorf, Germany, Jan. 17th, 1781, and prepared himself for teaching. He came to America when he was eighteen years old. He was teacher and organist in Dryland Church, Northampton County, Pa. He studied under Drs. C. L. and J. C. Becker. He was licensed at Easton in 1815, went to Westmoreland County and served congregations there for many years. He died in Leechburg, Pa., Jan. 28th, 1865, aged eighty-four years and one day.

JACOB FAHR WIANT

Jacob F. Wiant was born near Leatherwood, Clarion County, Pa., Dec. 17th, 1839. His parents were Jacob and Hannah (Mays) Wiant. He was baptized by Rev. Henry Koch, May 8th, 1840, and confirmed by Rev. Jos. G. Shoemaker, March 28th, 1857. He attended school at Clarion Collegiate Institute, graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1866, and from the seminary in 1869. He was licensed by Clarion Classis, and ordained and installed pastor of the South Bend charge, Pa., on June 22d, 1869, by Revs. F. Wise and J. J. Pennypacker. His pastorates besides the first were: St. Lukes, Lancaster, Pa., the

Beaver charge, the Paradise charge, and the Sharpsville mission, Pa. He died at Greenville, Pa., Feb. 21st, 1916, aged seventy-one years, two months and four days. Rev. H. H. Wiant, of St. Mark's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., is his son.

DIEDRICH WILLERS

Diedrich Willers, D. D., was born Feb. 6th, 1798, at Walle, a village adjoining Bremen, Germany. He was educated in the schools of his native village and of Bremen, and was brought up by an uncle, and apprenticed to a mercantile trade, entered the army of Hanover in 1814, and served for nearly five years. He was in the battle of Waterloo. His company of 120 men had only fourteen left after Waterloo. He came to Baltimore, Nov. 16th, 1819. He taught school in York County, Pa. He studied under several leading divines for the ministry, Rev. Jacob Geiger and Rev. Dr. J. C. Becker. He preached at six different points in Seneca County, N. Y., and seven or eight other points in Tompkins, Cayuga, Wayne, Livingston and Niagara counties. At Bearytown he preached sixty years and eight months in consecutive service, until Jan. 1st, 1882. He died in the town of Varick, N. Y., May 13th, 1883, aged eighty-five years, three months and seven days.

FREDERICK WISE

Frederick Wise was born in Centre County, Pa., Oct. 11th, 1818. From 1849 to 1852 he pursued the study of theology. He was licensed and ordained by Clarion Classis, Oct. 21st, 1852. He served a large charge in Armstrong Co., Pa., for twenty-four years. His charge was divided and subdivided from time to time. He died at his home in South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., June 30th, 1876, aged fifty-seven years, eight months and nineteen days.

JOHN WOLBACH

John Wohlbach, son of David and Anna (Lehr) Wohlbach, was born in Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton Co., Pa., Jan. 8th, 1836, and was baptized Feb. 6th of

the same year by Rev. Thomas Pomp. He began to teach school when he was seventeen years old and taught for eight years near his home. In 1860 he took a school in Nazareth, Pa., which he taught for six years, at the same time studying theology under Rev. J. B. Roth, Lutheran, for a year, and under Rev. E. H. Reinecke, Reformed, for five years. Then for another year he gave his time entirely to theology under Revs. Reinecke and M. A. Smith. He was licensed in 1868, and became pastor of the Overton charge in Bradford County, Pa. After two and a half years he went to the Mahanoy charge, Pa., for five years, and from there to the Paradise charge in Clearfield Co., Pa. Here his health failed and he eventually moved to Nazareth and thence to Catasauqua, preaching occasionally for neighboring pastors. He died Jan. 28th, 1901, aged sixty-five years and twenty days.

DAVID W. WOLFF

David W. Wolff was born near Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 29th, 1829. He was confirmed by Rev. Samuel Gutelius at Hampton, Pa., and graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1854, and from the seminary in Mercersburg in 1856. He was pastor at Danville, Pa., from 1856 to 1861, at Schuylkill Haven, in 1862, and at Mahanoy in 1865. He was for a short time in the Christian Commission, and also agent for the Publication Board. He was pastor of the Conowago charge in Adams County, Pa., from 1866 to 1873, and then at St. Petersburg and Emlenton, Pa., for about two years. He died at Carlisle, Pa., March 16th, 1876, aged forty-six years, three months and seventeen days.

GEORGE MERLE ZACHARIAS

George M. Zacharias was born in Frederick, Md., Jan. 23d, 1858, and died in the Lancaster General Hospital, Jan. 23d, 1910, aged sixty-two years. He was a son of Rev. Dr. Daniel Zacharias, who was pastor of the Evangelical Reformed Church in Frederick, Md., for nearly forty years. He was educated in Washington and Jef-

ferson College, and in the seminary in Lancaster, the University of Berlin, Germany, and the Institute of History in Rome. He traveled extensively in Europe. He served churches in Somerset County, Marietta, and Birdsboro, Pa., and in Cumberland, Md., each one only for a short time. Brief funeral services were held in the College chapel, at Lancaster, and in the Evangelical Reformed Church in Frederick, Md. Interment was made in Mt. Oliver Cemetery, Frederick, Md.

PHILIP ZEISER

Philip Zeiser was born July 19th, 1802 in the village of Schallbach, Saarburg, Lorraine, France, son of Rev. Nicholas and Catherine (Mueller) Zeiser. He was baptized by Rev. Glasser, and confirmed by Rev. Louis Herman, Aug. 16th, 1816. He came to America in 1819. He studied under his father, who was a pastor for many years in Luzerne County, Pa. He was ordained Sept. 14th, 1824, by the Free Synod. He came to Good Hope church, Mercer County, Pa., July 3d, 1825. He was the first minister who labored regularly in Mercer and Crawford counties. In 1848 a throat and lung disease compelled him to give up the active duties of the ministry. He died in New Hamburg, Mercer County, Pa., Jan. 25th, 1875, aged seventy-two years, seven months and six days.

CHAPTER XX.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF MINISTERS NOW LABORING ELSEWHERE

JOHN K. ADAMS

John K. Adams, son of Wm. J. and Mary J. Adams, was born near Conyngham, Luzerne Co., Pa., Nov. 10th, 1865. He was educated at the Bloomsburg Normal School, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary. He was licensed by Wyoming Classis; ordained by Allegheny Classis: committee: Revs. A. K. Kline, T. R. Dietz and A. H. Smith. His pastorates were: Homestead and Duquesne, two years; Berwick and Nescopeck, eleven and a half years; St. Mathews, Chester County, five years—all in Pennsylvania. He was married to Miss Sula L. Santee, of Sybertsville, Luzerne Co., Pa., Oct. 25th, 1899. Rev. Mr. Adams organized the congregations at Duquesne, Homestead and Nescopeck.

CHARLES FRANKLIN ALTHOUSE

Charles Franklin Althouse, son of Levi M. and Sarah A. Althouse, was born at Kintersville, June 5th, 1869, and educated at Riegelsville Academy, Keystone State Normal School, Franklin and Marshall College, graduating from college in 1891, and from the Eastern Theological Seminary in 1894. He was licensed by Tohickon Classis, May 28th, 1894; and ordained by Illinois Classis, Dec. 2d, 1894: committee: Revs. D. N. Frantz and R. F. Oplinger, and Elder George Poorman. He served pastorates at Edinburg, Ill., from 1894 to 1896; Chicora Pa., from 1897 to 1902; McKeesport, Pa., from 1902 to 1904; Saxton, Pa., from 1904 to 1907; Allentown, Pa., from 1907 to 1917; Phoenixville, Pa., 1918..... He was married to Miss Agnes E. Kessler, of Easton, Pa., Sept. 12th, 1894.

He was a delegate to General Synod in 1902, 1908 and 1914. He was President of Illinois Classis in 1896; Allegheny, 1902; Lehigh, 1912; stated clerk of Lehigh Classis from 1914 to 1917; Franklin and Marshall College gave him the degree of A. M. in 1896.

JOSEPH P. BACHMAN

Joseph P. Bachman, son of Stephen and Caroline (Fetorolf) Bachman, was born at Lynnville, Lehigh Co., Pa., June 14th, 1868. He was educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 18, 1896, by Lehigh Classis; ordained Jan. 12th, 1897, by Clarion Classis: committee: Revs. S. T. Wagner, R. C. Bowling and D. W. Kerr. He was married to Miss Georgiana Tripple of Safe Harbor, Lancaster Co., Pa., Apr. 14th, 1897, and four children were born to them: Russell Stephen, Wilbur George Tripple, Harriet Caroline, and Joseph Peter. He served the Paradise charge from 1896 to 1900; Salisbury 1900-1908, both in Pennsylvania; Mulberry, Ind., 1908-1911; St. Stephen, Perkasio, Pa., 1911-1912; St. Paul's, and St. Mark's, Allentown, Pa., 1912-1915; Emmanuel, Allentown, Pa., 1915 to the present time.

JOHN FRANKLIN BAIR

John F. Bair, son of Philip Snyder and Leah (Steiner) Bair, was born near Greensburg, Pa., Aug. 29th, 1867. He was educated at the Greensburg Seminary, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Westmoreland Classis at Scottdale, Pa., May 23d, 1897; ordained by Somerset Classis, Oct. 3d, 1897; committee: Revs. Benjamin Knepper, A. E. Truxal, D. D., and D. H. Leader. Pastorates: Wills Creek charge, Pa., 1897-1898; Shelbyville, Ill., 1898-1901; Lindsey, Ohio, 1901-1902; Sunday School missionary, 1902-1903; Ligonier, Pa., 1903-1905; Third Greensburg and Seanors, 1905-1913; Numidia, Pa., 1913-1918; Bremen, Ohio, 1918——. He was married Aug. 29th, 1901 to

Miss Laura Wright, of Pocahontas, Pa. Children: Mildred Irene, Russell Franklin, John Raymond, and Laura Lavern. Author of five books: "*The Andrews Raid*," 1898; "*Lines to the Boys of the Tenth Regiment*," 1899; "*Poetical Works*," 1904; "*A Double Discovery*," 1906, and "*Complete Poetical Works*," 1907.

ARTHUR WILBERT BARLEY

Arthur Wilbert Barley, son of Solomon and Barbara E. Barley, was born at Woodbury, Bedford County, Pa., Jan. 14th, 1878. Educated at Altoona High School, Franklin and Marshall College and Lancaster Theological Seminary; licensed May 20th, 1910, by Juniata Classis; ordained June 26th, 1910, by Virginia Classis: committee: Revs. N. H. Skyles, A. H. Smith and Milton Whitener. Pastorates: Woodstock, Va., 1910-1914; Mt. Pleasant, Pa., 1914-1919; Harrisville, Va., 1919..... Married Jan. 4th, 1900, to Miss Margaret L. Lingenfelter. Children: Anna Catherine, and Alton Wilbert. He worked eleven years at the printing trade before studying for the ministry.

JOHN LOVE BARNHART

John L. Barnhart, son of William R. and Catherine S. Barnhart, was born near Greensburg, Pa., July 1st, 1872, educated at Franklin and Marshall College, Hartford University, and Lancaster Seminary, graduating in 1897; licensed by Westmoreland Classis at Scottdale, Pa., May, 1897; ordained by West Susquehanna Classis: committee: Revs. Z. A. Yearick, M. L. Firor and S. L. Whitmore. Pastorates: White Deer, West Milton, Pa., 1897-1901; Saegertown, Pa., 1901-1910; Christ Church, Baltimore, Md., 1910..... Two new congregations were organized in his first charge, a heavy debt was paid off in Christ Church, Baltimore. Married: Sept. 27th, 1898, to Miss Emma A. Rupp, of Lancaster, Pa. Two children: Louise Gertrude, and William Rupp. He has been a member of General Synod's Board of Ministerial Relief since 1914; contributed a number of articles to *The Reformed Church Messenger* and *The Review*.

SAMUEL Z. BEAM

Samuel Z. Beam, son of Henry Conrad and Margaret S. Beam, was born at Linganore Mill, Frederick County, Md., May 8th, 1837; educated at Heidelberg College and Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio; licensed May 27th, 1862, by Ohio Synod at Dayton, Ohio; ordained by St. Joseph's Classis, Oct. 1862. Pastorates: Neriah, Mich., 1862-1866; was home missionary in Wakeshma, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1866-1871; Grindstone Hill charge, Pa., six months; White Pigeon, Mich., 1872, for six months; Fulton, Mich., 1872-1876; Mt. Pleasant, Pa., 1877-1884; Lima, Ohio, 1884-1885; St. Petersburg, Pa., 1885-1888; St. Clairsville, Pa., 1888-1892; Carrollton, Ohio, 1892-1898; Bettsville, Ohio, 1899-1903; stated clerk of the Ohio Synod since 1903; president of Pittsburgh and Ohio Synods, Pittsburgh Board of Missions and Board of Church Extension; member of Board of Visitors, Theological Seminary at Lancaster and also of Central Theological Seminary; member of Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home; four times a member of General Synod; contributed twenty-five articles to the *Reformed Quarterly Review*; received D. D., from Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, in 1888. Married to Miss Frances Elizabeth Rauch, of Ida, Mich., May 10th, 1864. Five children: Henry Louis, Anna Margaret, John Albert, George Theodore Nevin, and Mary Hester.

J. N. BEAN

J. N. Bean, son of Levi and Mary Anna Bean, was born at Bakertown, Bucks County, Pa., Dec. 10th, 1867; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 15th, 1902, by West Susquehanna Classis; ordained July, 1902, by the same Classis; committee: chairman, Rev. James M. Runkle. Pastorates: Susquehanna charge, four years; Sugar Creek charge, four years; Armstrong Valley, two years. Married Miss Mary Dechen, Nov. 29th, 1904. Children: Calvin Zwingli, and Mary Jane.

Normal School and Eastern Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed by Carlisle Classis, May, 1895; ordained by St. Paul's Classis Aug., 1895: committee: Revs. A. M. Keifer, D. B. Lady, D. D., and Geo. E. Limbert. Pastorates: New Hamburg, 1895-1900; Nittany Valley, 1900-1910; Hublersburg, 1910-1911; Bethany, Bethlehem, Pa., 1911..... Married Anna E. Kass, July 7th, 1895. Children: Mary Matilda and Emma Elizabeth.

EDWARD RANSON DEATRICK

Edward R. Deatrick, B. D., son of William Miller and Harriet (Peyton) Deatrick, was born in Loysburg, Bedford County, Pa., Aug. 22d, 1856; educated at Mercersburg College and Seminary; licensed by Maryland Classis, at Clearspring, Md., June 14th, 1884; ordained by same Classis, Aug. 31st, 1884; committee: Revs. G. L. Staley, D. D., C. Clever, D. D., M. L. Firor, and J. T. Rossiter, D. D. Pastorates: Trinity Church, Baltimore, Md., 1884-1906; Mt. Pleasant, Pa., 1906-1913; Martinsburg charge, Pa., 1913..... Was stated clerk of Maryland Classis, 1890-1906; stated clerk of the Synod of the Potomac, 1901-1906; stated clerk of Juniata Classis, 1913..... Married Miss Mary A. K. Everhart, Oct. 23d, 1890. Children: Anna Marguerite. Received B. D. from Franklin and Marshall College.

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE DEATRICK

William W. Deatrick, Sc. D., son of William Miller and Harriet (Peyton) Deatrick, was born in Huntington, Pa., Aug. 1st, 1853; educated at Mercersburg College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed by Mercersburg Classis at Shippensburg, Pa., May, 1879; ordained by Somerset Classis June 17th, 1880; committee: Revs. J. Ruhl, and H. F. Keener; Pastorates: New Centreville, Pa., three years and a half; principal of Clarion Collegiate Institute, 1884-1891; professor of English and Psychology at Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., 1891.....; member for fifteen years of Simplified Spelling Board. Married Miss Emma Jane

Balliet, of Milton, Pa., June 15th, 1881. Children: William Balliet, Ethel Matilda, Eugene Peyton, Ph. D. W. W. Deatrick is an A. M. of Mercersburg College and Sc.D. of Franklin and Marshall College.

A. C. DIEFFENBACH

Albert C., son of Frederick A. and Jeannette R. Diefenbach, was born at Manchester, Md., July 4th, 1876; educated at Johns Hopkins University, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1911; licensed by Maryland Classis May 20th, 1901; ordained by Allegheny Classis Oct. 11th, 1901. The Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., was chairman of the committee. During the years 1901 and 1902 he was field missionary for the Sunday School Board, in Allegheny Classis. From 1902 to 1911 he was pastor of the Church of the Ascension, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. From 1912 to 1918 he was pastor of the Unity Church, of Hartford, Conn., and from 1918 to the present time, editor of the Christian Register, Boston, Mass. Rev. Mr. Dieffenbach was married Nov. 4th, 1903, to Miss Helen A. Bertollette of Mauch Chunk, Pa. They have one child, Ruth B., born Jan. 16th, 1907. In 1898 the Johns Hopkins University conferred the degree of A. B. upon Rev. Mr. Dieffenbach.

JOHN H. DIETRICH

John Hassler, son of Jerome and Sarah (Sarbaugh) Dietrich, was born Jan. 14th, 1878 at Fannettsburg, Franklin County, Pa.; was educated at Mercersburg Academy (1893-1896); Franklin and Marshall College (1896-1900); and the Eastern Theological Seminary 1890-1906; stated clerk of the Synod of the Potomac, 1905; ordained by Allegheny Classis, June 15th, 1905; committee: Revs. John H. Prugh, D. D., A. C. Dieffenbach and Henry Holliger. Pastorates: St. Mark's Memorial Reformed Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1905-1911; First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, Minn., 1911.....Rev. Mr. Dietrich was married Aug. 25th, 1912, to Miss Louise Erb,

of Madison, Wis. They have two children: John Erb and William Erb Dietrich.

D. N. DITTMAR

D. N. Dittmar, son of John and Catherine Dittmar, was born at Loysburg, Pa., Jan. 16th, 1849; educated at Mercersburg College, and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed by Mercersburg Classis in 1875; ordained in 1875 by the same Classis: committee: Revs. E. E. Higbee, D. D., and Isaac Brown. Pastorates: St. Clairsville, Pa., six years; Littlestown, Pa., ten years; Second, Greensburg, Pa., five years; Fort Washington, Pa., six years; field secretary for the Home Mission Board five years; Jefferson, Maryland, four years; Hyndman, Pa., five years

RAY HARBAUGH DOTTERER

Ray Harbaugh Dotterer, son of Rev. John and Mary Catherine (Moyer) Dotterer, was born at Mervin, Westmoreland County, Pa., August 4th, 1880; educated at Franklin and Marshall College, the Eastern Theological Seminary, and Johns Hopkins University; licensed May 20th, 1909, by West Susquehanna Classis; ordained June 27th, 1909, by Somerset Classis: committee: Drs. A. E. Truxal and Hiram King, and Rev. S. C. Stover. Pastorates: New Centreville, Pa., 1909-1912; Trinity, Baltimore, Md., 1913-1918; Faith Church, State College, Pa., 1918..... Instructor in Penn. State College, 1918..... Subjects: *Philosophy and Psychology*. Married, Oct. 25th, 1910, to Miss Mabel Resh. Two children: John Emmanuel, and Anna Mary.

JOHN MILES EVANS

John Miles Evans, son of James G. and Rebecca (Kryder) Evans, was born near Spring Mills, Center County, Pa., Aug. 9th, 1848; educated at Penn Hall and Bellefonte academies, and Franklin and Marshall College, 1875,

Eastern Theological Seminary, 1878; licensed by West Susquehanna Classis; ordained Jan. 7th, 1879, by Clarion Classis: committee: Revs. Henry Hoffman, J. B. Thompson and J. J. Pennypacker. Pastorates: Currlsville, six years; Paradise, eight years; Red Bank, ten years; St. John's, eight years; Spring City, seven years, all in Pennsylvania. Married April 7th, 1885 to Mrs. Ellelia Bott Weller. Two children: James Wolf and John Kryder Evans.

WILLIAM SMITH FISHER

William S. Fisher, son of Samuel B. and Mary (Myers) Fisher, was born at United, Pa., July 10th, 1868, educated at Franklin and Marshall College, 1896, the Eastern Theological Seminary, 1899, licensed May 1899, by Westmoreland Classis, ordained July 23d, 1899, by the same Classis: committee: Revs. J. F. Snyder, and J. M. Evans. Pastorates: Pine Run, Salina, Pa., 1899-1901; Burkittsville, Md., 1901-1904; Cochranton, Pa., 1904-1911; Pyramtuning, Pa., 1911-1914; Hartville, Ohio, 1914-1919; Ganges, Ohio, 1919..... Married Oct. 19th, 1899 to Miss Katherine May Zalin. Four children: Parke Donald, John Samuel, Mary Etta and Anna Katherine.

M. F. FRANK

M. F. Frank, son of John and Margaret Frank, was born at Uniontown, Stark County, Ohio, Jan. 23d, 1851, educated at Heidelberg College and Theological Seminary, 1875-1877, licensed May 1877 by Tuscarawas Classis, ordained Jan., 1878, by Miami Classis: committee: Revs. H. M. Herman, D. D., and J. H. Reiter, D. D. Pastorates: Farmersville, Ohio, six years; Highland Ave., and Trinity Churches, Pittsburgh, Pa., two years, when his health failed, and he retired from the ministry. Married to Miss Florence V. Poorman, of Tiffin, Ohio, March 1888, and to Miss Cora Dall Swaney, of East Liverpool, Ohio, Sept., 1897. One child: Earl Poorman Frank.

JAMES S. FREEMAN

James S. Freeman, son of John and Mary Freeman, was born at Worcester, Montgomery County, Pa., Dec. 22d, 1859; educated at York Collegiate Institute, Lafayette College, 1883, and Union Theological Seminary, 1886; licensed May 26th, 1886, by Goshenhoppen Classis; ordained Jan. 9th, 1897, by Allegheny Classis: committee: Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., chairman. Pastorates: Trinity, Wilksburg, Pa., 1886 to 1895; Trinity, Akron, Ohio, 1895-1907; St. Louis, Mo., 1907-1908; Reformed Church, Shelby, Ohio, 1908-1909; Grace Church, Tiffin, Ohio, 1910-1916; First Church, Fostora, Ohio, 1916..... Married Miss Eleanor Quillman Oct. 23d, 1890. Two children: Philip Q. and Mary Eleanor Freeman.

WALTER EARL GARRETT

Walter Earl Garrett, son of Simon Thomas and Sarah Ferry Garrett, was born at Lebanon, Pa., July 29th, 1873, educated at Ursinus College and Ursinus School of Theology, licensed May 7th, 1902, by Lebanon Classis, ordained June, 1902, by Juniata Classis: committee: Revs. P. A. DeLong, John S. Heffner and D. Ernest Klopp. Pastorates: McConnellstown, Pa., charge, 1902-1907; Braddock, Pa., 1907-1915; New Oxford, Pa., charge, 1915-1918; First Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., 1918..... Married June 8th, 1905, to Miss Jane Edith Lehman. Four children: Paul Lehman, Earnest Thomas, Mary Gertrude, and Virginia Elizabeth. President of the Allegheny and Gettysburg Classes. On Potomac Synod's Board of Ministerial Sustentation.

J. SILOR GARRISON

J. Silor Garrison, son of J. Silor and Rebekah Garrison, was born in Augusta County, Va., Sept. 6th, 1867, educated at Mercersburg College, Catawba College, Eastern Theological Seminary, and the University of Virginia; licensed May 25th, 1894; ordained Feb. 22d, 1895: com-

mittee: Revs. C. B. Heller, J. P. Harner, and N. H. Skyles. Pastorates: St. Stephen's mission, 1894-1897; the Edinburg charge, 1897-1898; organized Massanutten Academy and served as president, 1889-1903; Duquesne mission, 1903-1904; professor of English at Catawba College, 1904-1908; head of department of mathematics in the State High School at Harrisonburg, 1908; stated supply for St. Stephen's mission in the fall of 1908; pastor of the mission in 1910; still at the head of the mathematical department of the High School. Married Sept. 4th, 1900, to Miss Mary Moore Fletcher. Five children: Mary Fletcher, Virginia Rebekah, Mary Irene, J. Silor, Jr., and Mildred Fletcher Garrison.

RICHARD F. GASS

Richard F. Gass, son of Joseph and Mary Gass, was born near Sunbury, Northampton County, Pa., Nov. 19th, 1852; educated at Sunbury, Lewistown, and Franklin and Marshall Academies and the Eastern Theological Seminary; taught school for thirteen years; licensed 1887 by Lancaster Classis; ordained July 14th, 1887, by Clarion Classis; committee: Revs. D. B. Lady, W. W. Deatrick, and S. T. Wagner. Pastorates: Red Bank, 1887-1903; Tannersville, 1903-1908; Paxinos, Augusta charge, 1908-1916; Nittany Valley charge, 1916..... Married April 5th, 1877, to Miss Lizzie Walters of Sunbury, Pa. One child was born June 21st, 1879, but died in infancy. Built four new churches in his first charge.

M. N. GEORGE

M. N. George, son of Peter and Julia George, was born at Lowhill, Lehigh County, Pa., Aug. 26th, 1869, educated at Franklin and Marshall College and Seminary; licensed May 20th, 1896, by Lehigh Classis; ordained June 18th, 1896, by West Susquehanna Classis; committee: Revs. S. H. Eisenberg, J. Dotterer and A. A. Black. Pastorates: Rebersburg charge, 1896-1900; Sharon, Pa., 1900-1901; Northampton, Pa., 1901-1912; Grace Church Mahanoy City, 1912-1917; Lafayette, Ind., 1917.....

Married April 18th, 1887, to Miss May A. Peters. Four children living: Robert J., Peter G., Ruth J., and Eva E.

ALBERT S. GLESSNER

Albert S. Glessner, son of Henry A. and Lydia Glessner, was born at Berlin, Pa., July 19th, 1868; educated at Juniata Collegiate Institute, Franklin and Marshall College, and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed June 7th, 1891, by Somerset Classis; ordained July 12th, 1891, by Juniata Classis: committee: Revs. R. L. Gerhart, S. C. Stover and J. B. Stonesifer. Pastorates: Man's Choice, Pa., 1891-1893; Cumberland, Md., 1893-1897; Hyndman, Pa., 1897-1898; Saegertown, Pa., 1898-1901; Greenville, Ohio, 1916..... Married June 20th, 1895, to Miss Rosa B. Appel of Myersdale, Pa. Four children: Mary Elizabeth, Martha Evelyn, Miriam Lenore and Bertha Rosella. Built and dedicated new churches at West End and Hyndman, Pa., Cumberland, Md., and Greenville, Ohio.

LOUIS PHILIP GOERRIG

Louis P. Goerrig, son of David and Wilhelmina (Priester) Goerrig, was born in Cologne, Germany, Nov. 17th, 1868; educated at Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio, and at the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed 1894, by Lancaster Classis; ordained 1894 by St. Paul's Classis, Rev. U. O. H. Kershner officiating. Pastorates: Sharon, Pa., 1894-1899; Boston, Mass., 1900-1905; University of Berlin in Germany in 1906; Welseley, Saskatchewan, Canada, 1907-1909; Pleasant Fork, Canada, 1909-1912; Calgary, Alberta, and traveling missionary 1912-1916; traveling missionary for Alberta and Saskatchewan 1916-1917; traveling missionary for Grenfell, Wolsey and Duff, Saskatchewan, 1917-1918, and for Duff, Saskatchewan, 1919..... Married Sept. 17th, 1909, to Miss Margaret A. Miller. Three children: Immanuel Samuel, Louis Philip and Margarete.

CHARLES WINTERS GOOD

Charles W. Good, son of Rev. Prof. R. Good and Mary Good, was born in Tiffin, Ohio, June 18th, 1851; educated at Heidelberg College and the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, took middle year at Yale Divinity School and one year at Oxford; licensed May, 1872, by Tiffin Classis; ordained May 1872 by Miami Classis: committee: Revs. Drs. David Winters, D. VanHorn, and I. H. Reiter. Pastorates: Germantown, Ohio, Shelby, Ohio, and Delmont, Pa., from 1873 to 1882; supply work from 1885 to 1917, then retired from the ministry.

CHRISTIAN GUMBERT

Christian Gumbert, son of John and Esther Gumbert, was born in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., Sept. 20th, 1850; educated at Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary; licensed by Westmoreland Classis, 1879; ordained by Allegheny Classis Oct., 1879; committee: Revs. T. F. Stauffer and W. B. Sandoe. Pastorates: Sugar Creek, Pa., 1879-1884; New Centreville, Pa., 1884-1885; Middlebrook, Va., 1885-1887; South Bend, Pa., 1887-1897; Fort Loudon, Pa., 1897-1903; Yellow Creek, Pa., 1904-1908; Shellsburg, Pa., 1908-1915. Married Jan. 8th, 1880, to Miss S. Hallie Cook. Three children: Elnathan Park, Paul Cook, and Justin Lloyd.

GEORGE DICKIE GURLEY

George D. Gurley, son of Samuel and Sarah Gurley, was born in Armstrong County, Pa., Sept. 22d, 1847; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed Sept. 6th, 1876, by West Susquehanna Classis at Bloomsburg, Pa.; ordained on the same date and by the same classis: committee: Revs. George B. Dechant, A. Houtz and J. K. Millet. Pastorates: Bloomsburg, Pa., twenty months; Latrobe, Pa., two years; North Carolina home mission work, six years, and Tipton, Iowa, six years. Married Jan. 24th, 1888, to Miss Emma C. Bell of Springfield, Mass.

URBAN C. E. GUTELIUS

Urban C. E. Gutelius, son of Samuel A. and Lucinda (Wolfe) Gutelius, was born at Littlestown, Adams County, Pa., Apr. 1st, 1868; educated at Edgehill Institute, Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May, 1897, by Gettysburg Classis; ordained July, 1897, by Somerset Classis at Cumberland, Md., committee: Revs. A. S. Glessner and D. H. Leader. Pastorates: Cumberland, Md., four and one-half years; Evans City, Pa., two and one-half years; Irwin, Pa., six and one-half years; Grace Church, Philadelphia, Pa., nine and one-half years, to date. Married July, 1897, to Miss Prudence A. Harner. Two children: Athalia Catherine and Madeline Prudence.

EDWARD R. HAMME

Edward R. Hamme, son of Elias S. Hamme and wife, was born at Brodbeck's, York County, Pa., March 7th, 1883, educated at Ursinus College 1904-1906, Gettysburg, 1907-1909, Central Seminary 1910-1912; licensed by Gettysburg Classis, May, 1912; ordained by Juniata Classis, June, 1912; committee: Revs. A. C. Ohl, and M. A. Keefer. Pastorates: Woodcock Valley, Pa., 1912-1814; Zelienople, Pa., 1914-1919. Married, Sept. 12th, 1916, to Miss Cassie Garman.

J. PHILIP HARNER

J. Philip Harner, son of Wm. M. and Catherine A. Harner, was born at McGaheysville, Va., Feb. 6th, 1860; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed June 12th, 1893, by Virginia Classis at Winchester, Va.; ordained July 2d, 1893, by the same Classis at Timberville, Va.: committee: Revs. Josiah May, C. B. Heller, and A. B. Bauman. Pastorates: Timberville, Va., seven years; Glade charge, Pa., two years; Cavetown charge, Md., six years and eight months; Middlebrook, Va., five and one-half years; Mt. Moriah charge, Md., four and

one-half years; and Lovettsville, Va., 1919.... Married Dec. 7th, 1899, to Miss Myrtle D. Cowger, of Greenback, W. Va. Two children: Nevin C. and Phyllis Dare Harner.

DANIEL NEFF HARNISH

Daniel N. Harnish, son of Abram and Anna Eliza (Neff) Harnish, was born at Waterstreet, Huntington County, Pa., June 4th, 1856; educated at Mercersburg College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed, May, 1883, by Mercersburg Classis; ordained, Sept., 1883, by Clarion Classis: committee: Revs. D. H. Leader, and A. K. Kline. Pastorates: South Bend charge, three years and three months, and Butler charge, twenty-eight years. Stated clerk of Allegheny Classis for twenty-seven years; elected president of Pittsburgh Synod at Evans City, Pa., in 1900. Retired from the ministry on account of catarrhal trouble, and now living at San Gabriel, Cal. Married June 4th, 1891, to Miss Mary Augusta Prugh. Two children: C. Prugh, and Charlotte G. Harnish.

EDGAR SCHAFF HASSLER

Edgar S. Hassler, son of Jacob and Matilda (Stenger) Hassler, was born at Mercersburg, Pa., Sept. 25th, 1856; educated at Mercersburg College, and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 13th, 1881, by Mercersburg Classis; taught one year in St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., and two years in the Butler High School; ordained Apr. 25th, 1884, by Juniata Classis at St. Clairsville, Pa.: committee: Dr. F. A. Rupley, Dr. E. N. Kremer, and Rev. J. D. Miller. Pastorates: St. Clairsville, Pa., 1884-1888; Braddock and Turtle Creek, Pa., 1888-1893; Wilhelm charge, Pa., 1893-1903; Grove City, Pa., 1903-1912; Wilhelm charge, Pa., a second time, 1912-1914; Uniontown, Ohio, 1914-1919; Shelby, Ohio, 1919.... Married in 1887 to Miss Rilla J. Prugh, of Dayton, Ohio. Eight children: Jacob Prugh, Paul Clifford, Edgar Stenger, William Markle, Miriam, Helen, Donald, and David.

URBAN C. E. GUTELIUS

Urban C. E. Gutelius, son of Samuel A. and Lucinda (Wolfe) Gutelius, was born at Littlestown, Adams County, Pa., Apr. 1st, 1868; educated at Edgehill Institute, Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May, 1897, by Gettysburg Classis; ordained July, 1897, by Somerset Classis at Cumberland, Md., committee: Revs. A. S. Glessner and D. H. Leader. Pastorates: Cumberland, Md., four and one-half years; Evans City, Pa., two and one-half years; Irwin, Pa., six and one-half years; Grace Church, Philadelphia, Pa., nine and one-half years, to date. Married July, 1897, to Miss Prudence A. Harner. Two children: Athalia Catherine and Madeline Prudence.

EDWARD R. HAMME

Edward R. Hamme, son of Elias S. Hamme and wife, was born at Brodbeck's, York County, Pa., March 7th, 1883, educated at Ursinus College 1904-1906, Gettysburg, 1907-1909, Central Seminary 1910-1912; licensed by Gettysburg Classis, May, 1912; ordained by Juniata Classis, June, 1912; committee: Revs. A. C. Ohl, and M. A. Keefer. Pastorates: Woodcock Valley, Pa., 1912-1914; Zelenople, Pa., 1914-1919. Married, Sept. 12th, 1916, to Miss Cassie Garman.

J. PHILIP HARNER

J. Philip Harner, son of Wm. M. and Catherine A. Harner, was born at McGaheysville, Va., Feb. 6th, 1860; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed June 12th, 1893, by Virginia Classis at Winchester, Va.; ordained July 2d, 1893, by the same Classis at Timberville, Va.; committee: Revs. Josiah May, C. B. Heller, and A. B. Bauman. Pastorates: Timberville, Va., seven years; Glade charge, Pa., two years; Cavetown charge, Md., six years and eight months; Middlebrook, Va., five and one-half years; Mt. Moriah charge, Md., four and

one-half years; and Lovettsville, Va., 1919..... Married Dec. 7th, 1899, to Miss Myrtle D. Cowger, of Greenback, W. Va. Two children: Nevin C. and Phyllis Dare Harner.

DANIEL NEFF HARNISH

Daniel N. Harnish, son of Abram and Anna Eliza (Neff) Harnish, was born at Waterstreet, Huntington County, Pa., June 4th, 1856; educated at Mercersburg College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed, May, 1883, by Mercersburg Classis; ordained, Sept., 1883, by Clarion Classis: committee: Revs. D. H. Leader, and A. K. Kline. Pastorates: South Bend charge, three years and three months, and Butler charge, twenty-eight years. Stated clerk of Allegheny Classis for twenty-seven years; elected president of Pittsburgh Synod at Evans City, Pa., in 1900. Retired from the ministry on account of catarrhal trouble, and now living at San Gabriel, Cal. Married June 4th, 1891, to Miss Mary Augusta Prugh. Two children: C. Prugh, and Charlotte G. Harnish.

EDGAR SCHAFF HASSLER

Edgar S. Hassler, son of Jacob and Matilda (Stenger) Hassler, was born at Mercersburg, Pa., Sept. 25th, 1856; educated at Mercersburg College, and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 13th, 1881, by Mercersburg Classis; taught one year in St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., and two years in the Butler High School; ordained Apr. 25th, 1884, by Juniata Classis at St. Clairsville, Pa.: committee: Dr. F. A. Rupley, Dr. E. N. Kremer, and Rev. J. D. Miller. Pastorates: St. Clairsville, Pa., 1884-1888; Braddock and Turtle Creek, Pa., 1888-1893; Wilhelm charge, Pa., 1893-1903; Grove City, Pa., 1903-1912; Wilhelm charge, Pa., a second time, 1912-1914; Uniontown, Ohio, 1914-1919; Shelby, Ohio, 1919..... Married in 1887 to Miss Rilla J. Prugh, of Dayton, Ohio. Eight children: Jacob Prugh, Paul Clifford, Edgar Stenger, William Markle, Miriam, Helen, Donald, and David.

CONRAD AUGUSTINE HAUSER

Conrad A. Hauser, D. D., son of John and Mary Hauser, was born at Frederick, Md., May 17th, 1872; educated at Johns Hopkins University, one year at the Theological Seminary of the Mission House, two years at the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. After three years in the ministry, he spent the better part of a year at the University of Berlin, Germany; some special work at the University of Pennsylvania; licensed May, 1897, by the German Maryland Classis; ordained Aug., 1897, by Somerset Classis: committee: Revs. D. H. Leader, E. S. Hassler, and Dr. Thomas Bachman. Pastorates: Frostburg, Md., 1897-1900; University of Berlin, Germany, 1900; Cumberland, Md., 1901-1903; Rochester, N. Y., 1903-1911; educational superintendent of the Publication and Sunday School Board of General Synod, 1911..... Married Oct. 24th, 1901, to Miss Sophia Marie Hartig. One son, Paul M. C. Hauser.

BENJAMIN KEENER HAY

Benjamin K. Hay, son of Benjamin George and Harriet (Glessner) Hay, was born in Brothersvalley Township, Somerset County, Pa., Feb. 16th, 1877; educated at Mercersburg Academy, Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 25th, 1903, by Somerset Classis; ordained July 30th, 1903, by Virginia Classis: committee: Revs. Ellis S. Hay and George G. Everhart. Pastorates: Mt. Crawford, Va., 1903-1907; New Kensington, Pa., 1907-1910; Des Moines, Iowa, 1910-1913; Mt. Jackson, Va., 1913..... Married Dec. 18th, 1907, to Miss Julia A. Francis, of White Gate, Va. Was overseas in service of Y. M. C. A., with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, from Apr., 1918, to May, 1919.

JOHN R. T. HEDEMAN

John R. T. Hedeman, son of John H. Herman and Mary Bloss Hedeman, was born at Baltimore, Md., Nov. 10th, 1888; educated at Baltimore City College and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 25th, 1914, by Mary-

land Classis; ordained Jan. 5th, 1915, by Westmoreland Classis: committee: Revs. S. B. Mase, D. D., E. S. Bromer, D. D., and E. D. Bright. Pastorates: co-pastor of First Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., 1914-1916; St. Mark's Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., 1916.....

L. VALMORE HETRICK

L. Valmore Hetrick, son of Isaac S. and Sarah Etta (Cressman) Hetrick, was born at Argus, Bucks County, Pa., Nov. 23d, 1881; educated at Franklin and Marshall Academy and College and the Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed, May, 1906, by Tohickon Classis; ordained July 1st, 1906, by Allegheny Classis: committee: Revs. D. H. Leader, Chas. H. Faust, and A. H. Ginder. Pastorates: Bethany, Butler, Pa., 1906-1907; Zion's, Pottstown, Pa., 1907-1911; Salem, Doylestown, Pa., 1911-1919. Married June 21, 1905, to Miss May Emily Read. One son: Richard Dee Hetrick. Served in U. S. Army overseas as Chaplain—as First Lieutenant, and later promoted to the rank of Captain, from 1918 to 1919. Called as permanent supply pastor to Cavalry Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., 1919.....

ELMER R. HOKE

Elmer R. Hoke, son of Edward John and Mary Margaret Hoke, was born in Ada, Ohio, Sept. 16th, 1892; educated at the Lewistown High School, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in the latter in 1917; licensed by West Susquehanna Classis, June 5th, 1917; ordained by Westmoreland Classis, Oct. 25th, 1917: committee: Revs. D. A. Souders, D. D., B. A. Black, and R. F. Main. Pastorates: Trafford City, Pa., 1917-1918; Trinity, Baltimore, Md., 1918..... Married, March 18th, 1916. One child, Elmer Rhodes Hoke, Jr.

HENRY HOLLIGER

Henry Holliger, son of Henry and Elizabeth Holliger, was born at Monroeville, Ohio, Aug. 3d, 1861; educated at Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio, and the Mission House,

Sheboygan, Wis.; licensed Aug. 19th, 1884, by Erie Classis, Central Synod; ordained Sept. 28th, 1884, by Heidelberg Classis: committee: Revs. J. H. Stepler, D. D., and E. D. Miller. Pastorates: Kenton, Ohio, 1884-1887; Alliance, Ohio, 1888-1896; St. Paul's, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1897-1914; Waukegan, Ill., 1914..... Married May 7th, 1885, to Miss Henrietta Dorothea Gelsenliter. One child, Edna Minnie Holliger.

JOHN D. HUNSICKER

John D. Hunsicker, son of Josiah E. and Kate P. Hunsicker, was born Oct. 17th, 1866, in Schwenksville, Montgomery County, Pa.; educated at Ursinus Academy and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis, May 22d, 1894; ordained by Clarion Classis, Sept. 1894: committee: Rev. R. C. Bowling, D. D., and Robert E. Crum. Pastorates: Curllsville, Pa., three years; Wills Creek, Pa., five and one-half years; Greenville, Pa., six years. No regular charge from 1910 to 1916, supplied the Nittany Valley charge, winter of 1914-1915; served the Rebersburg charge, 1916-1919; accepted a call to Old Springfield, Ohio, in Oct., 1919. Married Aug. 28th, 1894, to Miss Annie G. Steiner, who died Dec. 10th, 1918. There are seven children: Blanche L., Harold S., Naomi S., Florence, Eldon, Leonard, and Waldo.

SAMUEL H. ISENBERG

Samuel H. Isenberg, Ph. D., son of William L. and Rebecca Isenberg, was born in Williamsport, Blair County, Pa., Dec. 14th, 1850; educated at Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary (post graduate course); licensed by Mercersburg Classis, May, 1879; ordained by Westmoreland Classis, Dec. 1880: committee: Revs. J. W. Love, and C. R. Dieffenbacher. Pastorates: Latrobe, Pa., four years; Greenville, Pa., five years; Centre Hall, Pa., ten years; Millersburg, Pa., three years; in school work, ten years; Williard Church, Akron, Ohio, three years; Athens, Mich., two years, and Robertsville, Ohio, two years. Married to Miss Etta J. Irvine, Nov. 16th, 1881. Two children: George Carl, and Ethel Irvine.

ROBERT RAYMOND JONES

Robert R. Jones, son of John R. and Janet Jones, was born in Wales, Great Britain, March 14th, 1864; educated at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., and the Eastern Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., a graduate of both institutions; licensed June 3d, 1897, by Wyoming Classis; ordained Sept. 22d, 1897, by Virginia Classis; committee: Revs. Henry Ditzler and N. H. Skyles, Pastorates: Middlebrook charge, Va., six years; in charge of Massanutten Academy, two years; Glade charge, Pa., five and one-half years; Saegertown, Pa., one year; and Center Hall charge, 1911. Married Feb. 12th, 1899, to Miss Ellen Griffith. Four children were born: Rev. William Raymond, Rev. Victor Herbert, Harold Griffith, and Gladys Jones.

CHARLES PENNYPACKER KEHL

Charles P. Kehl, son of William H. and Emma Kehl, was born at Pennsburg, Pa., July 21st, 1868; educated at Ursinus College and Seminary; licensed in 1893, by Goshenhoppen Classis; ordained Dec. 6th, 1893, by Wyoming Classis at Dushore, Pa.: committee: Dr. F. K. Levan and Rev. Geo. S. Sorber. Pastorates: Dushore, Pa., 1893-1895; Red Lion, Pa., 1895-1900; Dillsburg, Pa., 1901-1904; Fort Loudon, Pa., 1904-1906; Rimersburg, Pa., 1906-1909; Ringtown, Pa., 1909-1913; Mt. Moriah charge, Md., 1913-1914; Sulphur Springs, Pa., 1914..... Married to Ada Elizabeth Schwenk in 1893 and to Minnie May Bowman in 1903. Three children: George Pennepacker, William Schwenk, and Mary Jane.

FREDERICK H. KELLER

F. H. Keller, son of Rev. Eli Keller, D. D., and Emma, his wife, was born in Belleview, Ohio, Jan. 27th, 1863; educated at Ursinus College and Heidelberg Theological Seminary; licensed by Tiffin Classis, May 1886, and ordained by the same classis on the same date; committee: Revs. G. W. Williard, D. D., and S. Shaw. Pastorates:

Wathena, Kans., four years; Fireside, Ohio, three years; Pennsburg, Ohio, three years; Orrville, Ohio, three years; Hartville, Ohio, five years; Sharpsville, Pa., five years; Bucyrus, Ohio, ten years. Mr. Keller married Miss Anna M. Lecrone, Oct. 19th, 1886. There were two sons: Howard Albert and Ralph Carleton. Mr. Keller was president of Eastern Ohio and of Tiffin Classis, stated clerk of Heidelberg Classis, and a Y. M. C. A. director and treasurer.

JOHN FREEMAN KERLIN

John Freeman Kerlin, D. D., son of Wm. T. and Justa A. Kerlin, was born at Sunbury, Pa., in 1864; educated at Wyoming Academy, Dickinson College and Priestly University; licensed June, 1896, by West Susquehanna Classis; ordained by the West Susquehanna Classis. Pastorates: Sugar Creek, nine months; Evans City, three years; Beam's charge, three and one-half years, and Hyndman charge, three and one-half years. Married to Miss Emma R. Shoemaker, daughter of Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.

DAVID W. KERR

David W. Kerr, son of Lewis Barnett and Elizabeth (Wagner) Kerr, was born at Marsh Run, Tuscarora Township, Perry County, Pa., Feb. 6th, 1864; educated at Shippensburg State Normal School, Mercersburg College, and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed June 10th, 1893, by Clarion Classis at the annual meeting in Dubois, Pa.; ordained June 20th, 1893, by Clarion Classis: committee: Revs. R. F. Gass, R. E. Crum, and S. T. Wagner. Pastorates: St. John's charge, Pa., 1893-1900; Grove City, Pa., 1900-1902; New Hamburg, Pa., 1902-1905; Apollo, Pa., 1905-1914; and Fayette, N. Y., 1914.....

URIAH OLIVER HARTMAN KERSCHNER

U. O. H. Kerschner, son of John Peter and Harriet (Reichard) Kerschner, was born at Greenville, Pa., Feb. 23d, 1860; educated at Edinboro State Normal School,

Thiel College, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed May 17th, 1892, by St. Paul's Classis; ordained May 17th, 1892, by St. Paul's Classis: committee: Revs. Dr. John M. Schick, Thomas Land, and John D. Thomas. Pastorates: Sharpsville, Pa., 1892-1895; St. Petersburg, Pa., 1895-1905; Punxsutawney, Pa., 1905-1915; Newport, Pa., 1915..... Married June 9th, 1892, to Miss Caroline Snyder. One child: Carol Snyder Kerschner. President of classis three times; vice-president of Pittsburgh Synod, on the board of directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, twenty-two years.

W. SHERMAN KERSCHNER

W. Sherman Kerschner, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Kerschner, was born at Guthsville, Lehigh County, Pa., Oct. 31st, 1885; educated at Ursinus Academy and College and the Central Seminary; licensed May 15th, 1912, by Schuylkill Classis of Eastern Synod; ordained June 18th, 1912, by Illinois Classis: committee: Revs. G. W. Kerstetter and J. M. Newgard. Pastorates: Freeport, Ill., 1912-1914; assistant pastor of Grace Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1914-1915; York, Pa., 1915..... Married Miss Elizabeth Kratz Long, Apr. 3d, 1913.

STANLEY LEFEVRE KREBS

Stanley LeFevre Krebs, Psy. D., son of Rev. Dr. W. E. and Isabella (LeFevre) Krebs, was born at Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 14th, 1864; educated at Muhlenburg College, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed 1890, by Gettysburg Classis; ordained Sept., 1890, by Lehigh Classis: committee: Revs. Drs. B. Bausman, and A. R. Bartholomew. Pastorates: Reading, Pa., ten years, and Greensburg, Pa., six years. Married Miss Anna F. Frantz, Sept. 17th, 1890. Three children: Stanley Walter, Anna Belle and Josephine. Has done research work, lecturing and writing since 1909.

WALTER EDMUND KREBS

Walter E. Krebs, D. D., son of Isaac and Esther Krebs, was born at Littlestown, Pa., Jan. 1st, 1837; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa.; licensed and ordained by the Eastern Synod at Frederick, Md., 1858: committee: Revs. Drs. E. V. Gerhart, Daniel Zacharias, S. R. Fisher, and J. H. A. Bomberger. Pastorates: Emmitsburg, Md., four years; Waynesboro, Pa., six years; Allegheny City, Pa., two years; Irwin, Pa., two years; Professor in F. & M. College, five years; Bloomsburg, Pa., two years; president of Allentown College for Women, two years. Married to Miss Isabella LeFevre, of Littlestown, Pa. Children: Ada, wife of Rev. A. T. G. Apple, and Stanley L. Krebs. Degree of D. D. was conferred by Franklin and Marshall College.

SEWARD ROSWELL KRESGE

Seward R. Kresge, son of Alfred and Savannah Kresge, was born at McMichael, Monroe County, Pa., Aug. 5th, 1885; educated at Dickinson College, Schuylkill, and Eastern Theological Seminary. Pastorates: Wilton Junction, Iowa, two years; New Providence, Pa., two years; Hyndman, Pa., two years; Jenner mission, two years; James Creek, Pa., Woodcock Valley charge, and Landisburg charge at Landisburg, Pa. Married June 28th, 1910, to Miss Valeria Haag. Two children: Donald H. and Eric Roswell Kresge. Organized the mission at Jenner, Pa., on Jan. 1st, 1915, with twenty-four members.

CHAPTER XXI.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF MINISTERS NOW LABORING ELSEWHERE.—*Continued.*

WILLIAM H. LAHR

William H. Lahr, son of Philip and Marie Lahr, was born at Huntingdon, Ind., Nov. 22d, 1866; educated at the Mission House, Sheboygan, Wis.; licensed July 15th, 1892, and ordained Aug. 18th, 1892, the committee being: Revs. C. F. Kriete, C. M. Schaaf, and E. U. Henschen. Pastorates: Clay City, Ind., three years; Fort Wayne, Ind., one and one-half years; Waukegan, Ill., three years; Frostburg, Md., six years; Curtiss, Wis., five years; Bluffton, Ohio, eight year; Indianapolis, Ind., 1919..... Married Sept. 24th, 1893, and there were five children: Cordelia, Edith, Marie, Franklin and Evelyn.

J. ALBERT LAW

J. Albert Law, son of Thomas J. and Hettie (Hurst) Law, was born in Columbia, Lancaster County, Pa., Sept. 5th, 1876; educated at Central Seminary, graduating in 1908; licensed May, 1908, by Miami Classis; ordained by Eastern Ohio Classis, at Calla, Ohio, June, 1908: committee: Revs. E. D. Wettach, D. D., and L. J. Rohrbach. Pastorates: Paradise charge, Ohio, two years; Sugar Creek, Pa., four years; Union charge, Ohio, two years; Ada charge, Ohio, three years; since that time has been employed as a stationary engineer. Married June 25th, 1901, to Miss Sula E. Bailey. Six children: Verena, John, Gertrude, Paul, Robert, and Cecil.

DANIEL H. LEADER

Daniel H. Leader, son of Rupert and Elizabeth Leader, was born at Bedford, Pa., Feb. 20th, 1850; educated at

Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary; licensed May 17th, 1879, by Mercersburg Classis; ordained Oct. 31st, 1879: committee: Revs. J. David Miller, D. N. Dittmar, and David M. Whitmore. Pastorates: Everett, Pa., 1879-1882; Dubois, Pa., 1882-1884; Williamsport, Pa., 1884-1889; Sagertown, Pa., 1889-1893; Elk Lick, Pa., 1893-1900; New Kensington, Pa., 1900-1901; Brush Creek, Pa., 1901-1903; superintendent of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler and Greensville, Pa., 1903-1909; Penbrook, Pa., 1910-1913; since then in business, doing pulpit and supply work occasionally. Married March 12th, 1889, to Mrs. Margaret Jane Heller. Twin children: John and Margaret. Daughter was missionary for five years in Japan, now in educational work in the United States. At Dubois, Pa., two new churches were built; at Williamsport a new church was completed; at Saegertown a new church was built at Reichels; at Elk Lick a new church was built, and at Penbrook a new parsonage.

JOHN J. LEBERMAN

John J. Leberman, D. D., son of Jacob L. and Hattie (Fake) Leberman, was born in Union Township, Lebanon County, Pa., Nov. 29th, 1848; educated at Westmoreland College and Heidelberg College; licensed May 20th, 1873, by Ohio Synod; ordained May 20th, 1873, by Ohio Synod: committee: Rev. N. H. Loose, president of the Synod. Pastorates: Louisville, Ohio, 1873-1900; Beaver charge, O, 1900-1901; Lancaster, O., 1901-1905; Braddock, Pa., 1905-1907; Akron, Ohio, 1907-1914; Supply work 1914..... Married June 10th, 1873, to Miss Lizzie C. Lutz, and to Miss Anna A. Sharp in June 26th, 1905. There were nine children: Agnes C., Leora Louise, May Ida, John K., Evelyn, Esther Monica, Eunice Pauline, Olivia, and Isabella. The degree of D. D. was conferred by Heidelberg University in 1890.

LEONARD L. LEH

Leonard L. Leh, son of Orville P. and Polly A. Leh, was born at Egypt, Pa., May 31st, 1889; educated at

Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed May 26th, 1914, by Lehigh Classis; ordained June 14th, 1914, by Lehigh Classis: committee: Revs. G. P. Stem, R. M. Kern and J. O. Oswald. Pastorates: Mill Creek, Ill., 1914-1915; Emlenton, Pa., 1915-1918, when he resigned to enter the U. S. Army. Married June 10th, 1914, to Miss Myrtle Clarke.

PAUL SEIBERT LEINBACH

Paul S. Leinbach, son of Rev. Thomas Calvin and Maria R. (Seibert) Leinbach, was born at Womelsdorf, Pa., Sept. 21st, 1874; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and Lancaster Theological Seminary; licensed May 20th, 1898, by Lebanon Classis; ordained July 3d, 1898, by Juniata Classis: committee: Revs. J. F. Moyer, D. D., Lewis Robb, D. D., and E. M. Beck. Pastorates: Altoona, Pa., 1898-1900; Wilkinsburg, Pa., 1900-1904; Easton, Pa., 1904-1912; Hamilton Grange church, New York City, 1913-1917; editor of *Reformed Church Messenger* since 1917. Married to Miss Belle Martin, May 26th, 1898, and to Miss Helen De Long on Aug. 2d, 1910. Four children: Thomas Martin, Joseph Nevin, Paul Harold, and John De Long. President of Eastern Synod; vice president of General Synod; editor of Sunday School literature; secretary of Board of Home Missions, and member of American Relief Commission to the near East.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN LICHLITER

William F. Lichliter, son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Dinges) Lichliter, was born in Woodstock, Va.; educated at Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed July 9th, 1875, by Lancaster Classis; ordained Aug. 1st, 1875, by Philadelphia Classis: committee: Revs. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., and John G. Noss. Pastorates: St. John's Church, Wyoming, Del., fifteen months; First Church, Allegheny, Pa., fourteen months; St. Luke's Church, Lancaster, Pa., 1800..... Secretary of the Board of Education of the Eastern Synod since 1897.

FRANCIS M. LINE

Francis M. Line, son of Reuben and Margaret Rebecca Line, was born in Winchester, Ohio, March 14th, 1867; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Seminary at Lancaster; licensed by Maryland Classis in May, 1890, and ordained by Juniata Classis, June 1891, Revs. J. W. Pontius, S. C. Stover and F. A. Rupley, D. D., being the committee. Pastorates: Tyrone, Pa., 1891-1893; Saegertown, Pa., 1894-1899; Rimersburg, Pa., 1899-1904; principal of school at Vandergrift, Pa., 1904-1908; Livermore Presbyterian Church, 1910; Hamburg, N. Y., 1910-1912; Westtown, N. Y., 1912..... Mr. Line was married to Miss Ada H. Smaling, of Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 26th, 1891. Three children: Margaret, Frances, and Clarence. Mr. Line has been in the Presbyterian church since 1910.

SAMUEL C. LONG

Samuel C. Long, son of George and Caroline E. Long, was born at Huntingdon, Pa., July 27th, 1846; educated at Mercersburg, Pa.; licensed April, 1878, at meeting of Mercersburg Classis, at Bedford, Pa.; ordained Oct., 1878, by Iowa Classis: committee: Revs. Cyrus Cort, D. D., and D. S. Fouse, D. D. Pastorates: Wilton, Iowa, four years; Boulder and Brandon mission, Iowa, two years and five months; Sulphur Springs mission, Pa., six years; Braddock mission, Pa., two years; New Centreville charge, Pa., four years; Beam's charge, Pa., five years; Butler, Pa., four years, when he became blind, and was inactive for two and one-half years; Newburg, Pa., three years, when he resigned on account of eyes. Married Nov. 12th, 1879, to Miss Emma Longacre, of Philadelphia, Pa. Two children: Howard C. and Clarence J.

R. FRANKLIN MAIN

R. Franklin Main, son of George J. and Sarah A. Main, was born near Middletown, Md., Apr. 17th, 1872; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May, 1897, by Maryland

Classis; ordained Sept., 1899, by Somerset Classis; committee: Revs. Hiram King and Frank Wetzel. Pastorates: Assistant pastor at Beam's, Pa., 1899-1901; St. John's charge, Pa., Clarion Classis, 1901-1908; Larimer, Pa., 1906-1919; Brunswick, Md., 1919.....

EDWIN O. MARKS

Edwin O. Marks, son of Alfred H. and Annie S. (Ehrich) Marks, was born in Allentown, Pa., Jan. 2d, 1888; educated at Franklin and Marshall Academy, College and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating, 1906, 1910, 1913; licensed by Lehigh Classis in May, 1913; ordained by Westmoreland Classis July, 13th, 1913. Pastorates: St. Paul's Reformed Church, Johnstown, Pa., 1913-1920; East Mauch Chunk, Apr. 1920. Rev. Mr. Mark married Miss Mary C. Arbogast, of Allentown, Pa., June 13th, 1913. There is one child, Robert E. Marks.

DANIEL ELMER MASTER

Daniel Elmer Master, son of Charles D. and Lydia (Conner) Master, was born in Monroe, Clarion County, Pa., Feb. 4th, 1866; educated at Clarion Collegiate Institute, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Clarion Classis in 1896; ordained by St. Paul's Classis Sept. 15th, 1896; committee: Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., J. F. Wiant, and George E. Limbert. Pastorates: Cochranon charge, Pa., four and one-half years; Apollo, Pa., four and one-half years; Huntingdon, Pa., fourteen years and three months. Married April 28th, 1897, to Miss Viola Gertrude Rupp, daughter of Dr. Wm. Rupp. Was president of St. Paul's, Clarion and Juniata Classes, and member of Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

J. KERN MCKEE

J. Kern McKee, son of Samuel and Margaret McKee, was born at Andersonburg, Perry County, Pa., Aug. 22d, 1872; educated at Ursinus College and Seminary; li-

censed May 20th, 1901, by Carlisle Classis, and ordained June 11th, 1901, by Zion Classis: committee: Revs. Gideon Fisher, George Sorber and George Stibitz. Pastorates: Red Lion, Pa., 1901-1906; Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1906-1907; Zion's Church, York, Pa., 1907—. He was married May 29th, 1901, to Miss Carolyn Strock, and two children were born. The New Zion's Church, at York, Pa., was built since he is in charge.

E. D. MEIXELL

E. D. Meixell, son of M. J. and Rachael (Saylor) Meixell, was born in Saylorsburg, Monroe County, Pa.; educated at Muhlenburg College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1891, and from the Seminary in 1894; licensed by Lehigh Classis at Kutztown, Pa., in 1894, and ordained July 22d, 1894 by Westmoreland Classis in Trinity Reformed Church, at Delmont, Pa.: committee: Revs. J. N. Bauman and J. F. Snyder. Pastorates: Salem charge, Delmont, Pa., two years; Scottdale, Pa., four years; Newport, Pa., two years; since then in the banking business, eight years with the Westmoreland National Bank, of Greensburg, Pa.; cashier of First National Bank at Cresson, Pa., since 1909. Married to Miss Annie L. Leisenring, of Allentown, Pa. There were three children: Ruth, Harold and Esther.

GEORGE E. METGER

George E. Metger, son of Johannes Ludolph and Louise (Zenner) Metger, was born in Emden, Germany, Dec. 5th, 1862; educated at Heidelberg College and Seminary, graduating in 1884 and 1886; licensed by Illinois Classis, May 22d, 1886; ordained by Illinois Classis, May 23d, 1886, at Orangeville, Ill. Pastorates: Summum, Ill., four years; Germano, Ohio, four years; Bethel, Ohio, five years; Old Springfield, Ohio, four years; Frostburg, Md., eight years; Harrisville, Va., four years. Married May 30th, 1886, to Miss Amanda Erb. Five children: John, George W., Harvey, Earl, and Helen. Elected president four times of Sunday School association.

SIMON S. MILLER

Simon S. Miller, son of Henry and Eliza S. Miller, was born near Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 22nd., 1842, and was educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg; licensed by the Eastern Synod, Oct. 22d, 1864; ordained by Sandusky Classis, Ohio Synod, June 22nd. 1865: committee: Revs. J. J. Excell, W. B. Sandoe and W. H. Loose. Pastorates: Grace, Akron, O., 1865-1866; Jefferson, Md., 1867-1873; Boonsboro, Md., 1873-1890; St. Petersburg, Pa., 1890-1895; Mt. Pleasant, Md., 1895-1897; was a teacher in Marshall Classical Institute, Pa., 1866; principal Sunbury Classical Institute, Pa., 1867; stated clerk of Maryland Classis, 1868-1890; president Maryland Classis, 1879, and of Potomac Synod, 1889; superintendent Daniel Stine Memorial Home, 1897-1901; treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, 1880-1920. Rev. Mr. Miller was married to Miss Mary Geneveve Biser, of Jefferson, Md., Nov. 25th, 1873. There were three children: Mary Geneveve, Paul Biser, and Hugh Sweigart.

CYRUS JOHN MUSSER

Cyrus J. Musser, D. D., son of John and Rose Ann (Brubaker) Musser, was born in Berlin, Somerset County, Pa., Sept. 12th, 1857; educated at Franklin and Marshall College, 1878, and Eastern Theological Seminary, 1881; licensed by Somerset Classis, June, 1881; ordained by Mercersburg Classis, July 1881: committee. Revs. Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., and H. S. Garner. Pastorates: St. Clairsville, Pa., 1881-1884; Roanoke, Va., 1885; Huntingdon, Pa., 1886-1891; St. Mark's, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1891; Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa., 1892-1896; editor of *Reformed Church Messenger*, from 1896-1917; editor emeritus, 1917..... Married to Miss Edith Mowry, Jan. 7th, 1888, at Bedford, Pa. Three children: John, Elizabeth Virginia, and Paul Howard.

JOHN NICHOLAS NALY

John Nicholas Naly, son of Eli and Sara (Earnest) Naly, was born at Greensburg, Pa., Apr. 4th, 1863; educated at Greensburg Seminary, Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary; licensed by Westmoreland Classis, May 15th, 1893; ordained by Westmoreland Classis, at Jeannette, Pa., May 15th, 1893: committee: the officers of classis. Pastorates: student supply, Apollo, Pa., and New Kensington, Pa., in the summer of 1892; Apollo, 1893-1900; Tipton, Iowa, 1901..... Married to Miss Edith Garnet Stewart, Oct. 24th, 1905, at Parnassus, Pa.

MILTON M. NOACKER

Milton M. Noacker, son of John and Priscilla Noacker, was born in Snyder County, Pa., Nov. 22d, 1860; educated at Selinsgrove Institute, and the Lancaster Theological Seminary; licensed by East Susquehanna Classis, June 9th, 1890; ordained by Lancaster Classis, Aug. 24th, 1890: committee: Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., F. A. Gast, D. D., and Wm. F. Lichliter. Pastorates: Maytown charge, Pa., three years and four months; Arendtsville, Pa., eight years; Homestead, Pa., two years; Duncannon, Pa., three years; Enola, Pa., one and one-half years; Rowen, N. C., four years; Cheney, Kas., one year; Albemarle, N. C., nine months; Fifth Creek, Southern Presbyterian church, N. C., one year; Woodstock, Va., two years; Arcadia, Cal., three years. Married June 8th, 1882, to Miss Anna M. Hockenbroch, and Jan. 12th, 1910, to Miss Anna K. Seager. One child: Elizabeth Tupfer Noacker. Remodeled three churches and built four new churches and one parsonage.

HOWARD OBOLD

Howard Obold, son of John H. and Elizabeth (Evans) Obold, was born at Reading, Pa., June 12th, 1877; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed June 10th, 1901, by Reading Classis of the Eastern Synod; ordained by Juniata Classis of the Potomac Synod, July 17th, 1901: com-

mittee: Revs. Dr. Lewis Robb and P. A. De Long. Pastorates: Water Street charge, 1901-1910; Irwin, Pa., 1910-1916; Quarryville, Pa., 1916..... Married June 19th, 1902, to Miss Bessie Lord at Reading, Pa. Three children: Walter Lord, John Howard, and Florence Katherine Obold.

ROBERT O'BOYLE

Robert O'Boyle, D. D., son of Samuel and Kathryne O'Boyle, was born at Kutztown, Pa., July 28th, 1860; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary; licensed May 31st, 1887, by Somerset Classis, and ordained by the same Classis in 1887. Pastorates: New Centreville, Pa., Sunbury, Pa., and St. John's, Philadelphia, Pa. Married to Miss Flora Bitner in 1887, and there were four children.

EDWARD HENRY OTTING

Edward Henry Otting, son of J. Christopher and Fanny Otting, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. March, 12th, 1852; educated at Heidelberg College and Seminary; licensed by Miami Classis, Oct. 18th, 1873; ordained by Eastern Ohio Classis, Apr. 15th, 1874: committee: Revs. J. M. Kendig, D. D., and H. H. Hilbish. Pastor at Harmony, Pa. Married to Miss Adaline Wanamaker on June 7th, 1877. Six children: Daniel C., Mary E., S. Adaline, Herbert E., Sena P., and Bertram C.

CHARLES PETERS

Charles Peters, son of David J. and Amelia (Clause) Peters, was born at Jordon, Pa., Oct. 23d, 1884; educated at Keystone State Normal School, Franklin and Marshall College, Eastern Theological Seminary, Grove City College, post graduate course; licensed by Lehigh Classis, May, 1910; ordained by Allegheny Classis, July, 1911; committee: Revs. Lewis Robb, D. D., J. W. Pontius, and Daniel N. Harnish. Pastorates: St. Peter's, Zelienople, Pa., two and one-half years; St. Paul's, Juniata,

Pa., three and one-half years; St. Paul's, Buffalo, N. Y. Married to Miss Agnes V. Knowlton, June 20th, 1912. They have two children: Josephine H., and Charles K. Peters, Jr.

ROBERT JAMES PILGRIM

Robert James Pilgrim, son of Rev. Frederick and Elizabeth Hester Pilgrim, was born at Greenville, Mercer County, Pa., Aug. 15th, 1877; educated at Franklin and Marshall Academy and College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Lancaster Classis, May 17th, 1901, and ordained by Maryland Classis July 28th, 1901: committee: Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., James M. Mullen, B. D., and W. S. Stewart. Pastorates: Grace Church, Baltimore, Md., 1901-1906; First Church, Carlisle, Pa., 1906-1911; Church of the Ascension, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1912-1917, and St. Peter's, at Lancaster, Pa., 1917..... Married to Miss Hilda Theresa Hask, of Bethlehem, Pa., June 4th, 1907. Two children: Hildegard and Robert Hask.

JOHN CALVIN RAEZER

John Calvin Raezer, son of Levi R. and Martha A. Raezer, was born at Brod-in-hand, Lancaster County, Pa., Sept. 15th, 1885; educated at Franklin and Marshall Academy and College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 17th, 1912, by Lancaster Classis, and ordained July 14th, 1912, by Westmoreland Classis: committee: Revs. Drs. J. Harvey Mickley and David A. Souders, and Rev. Samuel H. Isenberg. Pastorates: St. Paul's, Johnstown, Pa., 1912-1913; Emmanuel's, York, Pa., 1913-1916; from May 1st, 1916, has not been in active ministry on account of throat trouble. Married Sept. 3d, 1912, to Miss Frances Ethel Rishel, of Alexandria, Pa. Three children: Margaret Louise, John Calvin, and Philip Enterline. Since leaving York, Pa., has been in the accounting department of the Lancaster Steel Products Corporation of Lancaster, Pa.

ALFRED M. RAHN

Alfred M. Rahn, son of Wilson and Lenora C. Rahn, was born in Greenwich Township, Berks County, Pa., Dec. 29th, 1882; educated at the Kutztown Normal School, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May, 1912, by Lehigh Classis, and ordained July 2d, 1912, by Maryland Classis: committee: Revs. J. M. Mullan, E. T. Coblenz, and John L. Barnhart. Pastorates: Ridgely, Md., 1912-1916; Duquesne, Pa., 1916-1918; Souderton, Pa., 1918..... Married June 1st, 1912, to Miss Blanche R. Hostetter, and they have three children: Alfred, John, and Paul.

• LEWIS REITER

Lewis Reiter, son of John D. and Ruth (Robb) Reiter, was born at Kittanning, Pa., Sept. 24th, 1854; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed Oct. 23d, 1885, by North Carolina Classis; ordained on the same date and by the same classis: committee: Revs. G. Dickie Gurley, Jeremiah Ingold, and John A. Foil. Pastorates: Hickory, N. C., five and one-half years; Roanoke, Va., seven years; Monroe, Pa., two years; Punxsutawney, Pa., four years; Meadville, Pa., two years; Harmony, Pa., five years; Shoops, Harrisburg, Pa., nine years. Married May 3d, 1893, to Miss Mary Jane Bixler. They had no children but brought up a niece of Mrs. Reiter's who is known as and called their daughter.

GEORGE LEITH ROTH

George Leith Roth, son of George W. and Theresa (Leith) Roth, was born at Hamburg, Pa., Jan. 21st, 1888; educated at Franklin and Marshall Academy and College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 29th, 1911, by Goshenhoppen Classis; ordained Aug. 31st, 1911, by Clarion Classis: committee: Revs. R. C. Bowling, D. D., C. B. Rebert, and H. S. Nicholson. Pastorates: Emlenton, Pa., 1911-1915; First Church, Royersford, Pa., 1915.....

JOHN C. SANDERS

John C. Sanders, son of Calvin M. and Elizabeth J. Sanders, was born at New Berlin, Pa., March 22d, 1881; educated at Bucknell College, and the Lancaster Seminary; licensed May 22d, 1906, by West Susquehanna Classis; ordained July 2d, 1908, by Allegheny Classis: committee: Revs. Lewis Robb, D. D., D. B. Lady, D. D., and Aaron Noll. Pastorates: Turtle Creek, Pa., six years and five months; Turbotville, Pa., five years. Married to Miss Margaret E. Boyer, of Mifflinburg, Pa., Sept. 10, 1908. Four children were born to them: Elizabeth, John, Calvin, and Franklin.

AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT

Ambrose M. Schmidt, son of Absalom G. and Catherine (Trone) Schmidt, was born in Hanover, York County, Pa., June 12th, 1857; educated at Franklin and Marshall College, and the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed May 17th, 1889, by Gettysburg Classis; ordained May 27th, 1889, by Maryland Classis; committee: Revs. Joseph W. Santee, D. D., Simon S. Miller, and Marion L. Firor. Pastorates: Christ mission, Baltimore, Md., three years; St. Mark's, Pittsburgh, Pa., four years; financial secretary of Franklin and Marshall College, five and one-half years; St. John's, Bellefonte, Pa., eighteen years. Married Oct. 24th, 1893, to Miss Alda May Stouffer. Two children: Richard Bernard, and William Stouffer Schmidt. Chairman of Sunday School Hymnal Committee; Secretary of New Hymnal Committee, and is author of a number of hymns.

ALFRED MARTIN SCHAFFNER

Alfred Martin Schaffner, son of Daniel and Salome Schaffner, was born in Hanover Township, Dauphin County, Pa., Oct. 11th, 1864; educated at Mercersburg College, Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May, 1893, by Lancaster Classis; ordained June, 1893, by Maryland Classis: com-

mittee: Revs. G. A. Whitmore, and J. R. Lewis. Pastorates: Emmitsburg, Md., two years; Meadville, Pa., four years; Ruffsedale, Pa., four years; Catawissa, Pa., seven years; Orangeville, Pa., five and one-half years. He was married to Miss Isabel Slick, Nov 9th, 1893. Four children: Daniel M., Paul A., Walter F., and Henry K. He was married, the second time, to Miss Emma E. Shuman, Jan. 25th, 1912.

JAMES RAY SHEPLEY

James R. Shepley, son of John Abraham and Amanda Shepley, was born in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, Pa., Nov. 18th, 1888; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Seminary; licensed May 15th, 1915, by Lancaster Classis; ordained July 11th, 1915, by Westmoreland Classis: committee: Revs. D. A. Souders, D. D., R. V. Hartman, and J. F. Snyder. Pastorates: Vandergrift, Pa., 1915-1917, then removed to Eastern Synod, at Riegelsville, Pa. Married May 13th, 1915, to Miss Grace Elizabeth Rupp. These children were born: James R., Catherine Louise, and Jane Ellen.

ANDREW HOFFEE SMITH

Andrew H. Smith, son of Charles J. and Sarah A. (Hoffee) Smith, was born in Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa., Oct. 2d, 1865; educated at Carol Institute, and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May, 1892, by Schuylkill Classis; ordained Oct. 8th, 1892, by North Carolina Classis: committee: Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. C. Clapp, D. D., and John A. Foil, Ph.D. Pastorates: Newton, N. C., five years; McKeesport, Pa., five years; Harrisville, Va., eight years and six months; York, Pa., six years and six months; superintendent of Hoffman Orphanage since 1917. Married to Miss Kate S. Shultz, of Reading, Pa. Three children: Elsie Virginia, Sidney Shultz, and Charles Niom.

GEORGE MILTON SMITH

George Milton Smith, Ph.D., son of Lewis and Annie (Schaffer) Smith, was born in Walnutport, Northampton County, Pa., Nov. 19th, 1880; educated at Albright Collegiate Institute, Muhlenberg College, and Ursinus College; licensed May 3d, 1906, by German Philadelphia Classis; ordained Oct. 7th, 1906, by Lehigh Classis: committee: Revs. N. F. Peters, E. J. Fogel, and D. A. Winter, Pastorate: Heidelberg charge, 1906-1912; Grace Church, Jeannette, Pa., 1912-1915; Telford charge, 1915-1916; St. Paul's Church, Mahanoy City, Pa., 1916..... Married Feb. 22d, 1902, to Miss Annie Minerva Caskie and brought up one adopted daughter, Mary Heller Smith. The University of Potomac conferred the degree of Ph.D. on him.

HENRY N. SMITH

Henry N. Smith, son of Albert A. and Mary J. Smith, was born at Line Mountain, Northumberland County, Pa., Mar. 21st, 1873; educated at Franklin and Marshall Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Seminary; licensed June, 1899, by East Susquehanna Classis; ordained March 15th, 1900, by St. Joseph's Classis, Ohio Synod: committee: Revs. H. A. Welker, C. H. Schoepfle, and C. P. Ruhl. Pastorate: a charge in St. Joseph's Classis, 1900-1904; Troutville, Pa., 1904-1908; Delmont, Pa., 1908-1918. Married to Miss Mary M. Vollrath, of Lancaster, Pa.; Oct. 31st, 1901. Two children: Mary Eunice, and Esther Alcott Smith.

HENRY ELMER SNYDER

Henry Elmer Snyder, son of David L. and Mary A. Snyder, was born on a farm in Penn Township, Pa., Jan. 1st, 1864; educated at Heidelberg University, and the Eastern Seminary; licensed in 1890 by Westmoreland Classis, and ordained in 1891 by Allegheny Classis. Pastorate: Bethany, Butler, Pa., Callery, Pa., Pleasant Unity, Pa., and Bullcreek, Tarentum, Pa., the last three in the Presbyterian church. Married to Miss Blanche D. Derland, of Boiling Springs, Pa.

JOHN MORTIMER SOUDER

John Mortimer Souder, son of John and Mary Margaret Souder, was born in Lovettsville, Loudon County, Va., May 16th, 1846; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May, 1872, by Lancaster Classis; ordained Dec., 1872, by Maryland Classis: committee: Revs. Dr. G. L. Staley, Dr. A. R. Kremer, and S. S. Miller. Pastorates: Glade, Md., four years; Wilkinsburg, Pa., three years; New Castle, Pa., three years; New Providence, Pa., twenty-one years; Middlebrook, Va., five years; Edinburg, Va., eleven years. Married June 23d, 1873, to Miss Susan Elizabeth Buckey, and three children were born: Paul B., Roy M., and George Claire.

FREDERICK KELLER STAMM

Frederick Keller Stamm, son of Dr. John W. and Annie E. Stamm, was born at Millheim, Pa., Sept. 27th, 1883; educated at Fredonia Institute, Fredonia, Pa., Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by St. Paul's Classis, May, 1910; ordained by Clarion Classis, Aug. 9th, 1910; committee: Revs. R. C. Bowling, D. D., and U. O. H. Kerschner. Pastorates: South Bend, Pa., two years; Vandergrift, Pa., three years; Butler, Pa., three years; First Church, Dayton, Ohio..... Married to Miss Mary Montgomery Griffith, of Lancaster, Pa., June 29th, 1910. Three children: Mary Elizabeth, Janet Bell, and Margaret Jean.

JOHN HENRY STEPLER

John Henry Stepler, D. D., son of John and Katherine Stepler, was born in Maar, in Hessen, Germany, Oct. 15th, 1841; educated at Heidelberg College and Seminary, at Tiffin, Ohio; licensed Oct. 1862, by Tiffin Classis; ordained Nov. 12th, 1862, by the same Classis: committee: Revs. George and John Rettig and Daniel Zimmerman. Pastorates: Second Reformed Church, Marion, Ohio, two years; Bluffton, Ind., two years; Sharon, Pa., seven years;

Caroline charge, Ohio, five years; Lima, Ohio, ten years; Second Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio, twenty-six years. Dr. Stepler preached fifty-two years without interruption, occupying his own pulpit on every Lord's Day. Married to Miss Dorothy B. Reimold. Six children: Meta E., John Calvin, Emma Kosower, Louisa Land, Clara Sommerlatte, and Philip Melanchton. Dr. Stepler built four churches, two parsonages and was the author of several books, and a frequent contributor to the church papers.

SAMUEL CHARLES STOVER

Samuel Charles Stover, son of John and Eva M. Stover, was born in Farmersville, Centre County, Pa., July 1859; educated at Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Seminary; licensed by West Susquehanna Classis, May 20th, 1888; ordained Oct. 1888, by Revs. Dr. R. L. Gerhart, and S. C. Long. Pastorates: Dunning Creek, Pa., twelve years; Paradise, Pa., three years; Wilhelm, Pa., eight years; and Boalsburg, Pa., nine years. Married to Miss Sadie Kuhns, of Berlin, Pa., June 14th, 1895. Two children: John K. and H. Elwood. During 1918 and 1919 he taught school at Boalsburg High School and preached at the same time.

JOHN I. SWANDER

John I. Swander, D. D., son of Thomas and Sarah Blair (Hampton) Swander, was born in Warren County, N. J., May 3d, 1833; educated at Heidelberg College and Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio; licensed in 1859 by Ohio Synod; ordained June 1859, by the Synod of Ohio; committee: Revs. Drs. David Winters, George W. Williard, and Samuel Mease. Pastorates: The Kinnikinnick charge, Ohio, five years; Union charge, Ohio, four years; Latrobe charge, Pa., eight years; Delmont, Pa., two years; Fremont, Ohio, twelve years. Married to Miss Barbara Kimmel, March 29th, 1860. Two children: Sarah Ellen, and Nevin Ambrose. Author of twenty books, all bearing on the subject of the Christian religion.

SAMUEL T. WAGNER

Samuel T. Wagner, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Wagner, was born near Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., July 15th, 1846; educated at Mercersburg College and post graduate course in theology; licensed June 3d, 1878, by Zion's Classis; ordained Oct. 14th, 1880, by Pittsburgh Synod: committee: Revs. T. F. Stauffer, D. S. Dieffenbacher and H. F. Keener. Pastorates: assistant to Rev. L. D. Steckel, 1880-1881; pastor at Hyndman, 1881-1884; St. John's charge, Armstrong County, Pa., 1885-1891; Beaver charge, Pa., 1891-1898; Watson Run charge, Pa., 1898-1902; Boonsboro charge, Md., 1902-1905, and then retired. Married Dec. 27th, 1881, to Miss Catherine Barnhart. Two children: John, and Mary.

JOHN GRANT WALTER

John Grant Walter, son of Charles A. and Samantha J. Walter, was born at Gebharts, Somerset County, Pa., Oct. 11th, 1868; educated at Heidelberg University, and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed May, 1894, by Westmoreland Classis; ordained Oct., 1894, by Lancaster Classis: committee: Revs. M. H. Sangree, Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., and J. Stewart Hartman. Pastorates: Hummelstown, Pa., Sept. 1894-1896; St. Mark's, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1896-1904; Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1904-1906; Hough Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, 1906-1914; from 1914-1918 engaged in secular work; pastor of the May Flower Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, 1918..... Married Miss Bertha B. Siple, of Hummelstown, Pa., Apr. 1897, who died in May, 1901; married Miss Margaretta L. Goodel, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct., 1906. Two children: John S., and Mary Louise. Received the degree of A. M. from Heidelberg College in 1890.

ELMER ELLSWORTH WELLER

Elmer Ellsworth Weller, son of John and Sarah Weller, was born at Gebharts, Somerset County, Pa., Sept. 27th, 1861; educated at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio,

and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed in 1890 by Somerset Classis, and ordained by the same classis and at the same time. Pastorates: Hyndman, Bedford County, Pa., 1890-1892; Germantown, Ohio, 1892-1896; Fostoria, Ohio, 1896-1897; chaplain of the State Industrial School for Boys, at Golden, Colorado, 1899..... Married Sept. 10th, 1891, to Miss Leva M. Rarey. Two children: Charles M., and George E. Weller. Organized the English Reformed Church in Cumberland, Md.

GEORGE A. WHITMORE

George A. Whitmore, son of Samuel and Sophia (Evers) Whitmore, was born at White Hall, Augusta County, Va., May 15th, 1848; educated at Mercersburg College and Seminary; licensed May, 1878, by Virginia Classis; ordained June, 1879, by Clarion Classis: committee: Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, A. K. Kline, and T. R. Dietz. Pastorates: St. John's charge, Pa., 1879-1883; Mill Creek charge, Pa., 1883-1889; Mechanicstown, now Thurmont, Md., charge, 1889-1906; Zion's charge, Millersville, Pa., 1906-1918. Married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Lichliter, Oct. 20th, 1880. Four children: Ethel Elizabeth, George Merle, Raymond Evers, and Jay Dinges. Built two new churches; sent six young men into the ministry; three church building funds were contributed by his people; was delegate to an Ecumenical Council of Reformed Churches in Toronto, Canada, and has prepared the history of several churches.

WALTER JOSIAH YINGST

Walter Josiah Yingst, son of Josiah and Susan Catherine Yingst, was born at Lebanon, Lebanon County, Pa., Oct. 5th, 1891; educated at Ursinus College, and Central Theological Seminary: licensed May 16th, 1916, by Lebanon Classis; ordained June 18th, 1916, by Westmoreland Classis: committee: Revs. E. S. Bromer, D. D., R. V. Hartman, and J. R. Shepley. Pastorates: Pine Run, Pa., charge, 1916-1917; Overton charge, Pa., 1917.....

J. WILLIAM ZEHRING

J. William Zehring, son of Jacob D. and Sarah A. (Walter) Zehring, was born at Manchester, Carroll County, Md., Feb. 18th, 1878; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Seminary; licensed in 1905, by Lancaster Classis; ordained by Allegheny Classis, Oct. 3d, 1905; committee: Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., and Lewis Robb, D. D. Pastorates: New Kensington, Pa., six months; St. Clairsville, Pa., 1906-1914; Dallastown, Pa., 1914-1917; Trinity Church, Mountville, Pa., 1917..... Mr. Zehring married Miss Rose Mae Shoemaker, Oct. 8th, 1910. They have one child, Catherine Louise Zehring.

An attempt was made by the author of this history to get a sketch of all the ministers who had ever served congregations in the territory covered by the Pittsburgh Synod. The extent to which success has attended this effort the foregoing pages of the last few chapters will show. It is regretted that this success did not come nearer being absolute. In some cases the man whose sketch was desired had completely vanished, as though he had entered a cave from which there were no returning footsteps—"*Nulla Vestigia Retrorsum.*" A few have gone into other churches, and the records accessible are silent in regard to them. Others passed out of life, and their friends are unknown to the writer. A few of those living did not respond, for some reason or other, to the questionnaire sent them, and not even to a second questionnaire. That reason naturally has not been divulged. That to make brick without straw is difficult, but not impossible, when one can go into the fields by night and gather stubble, as the writer has had to do in a number of cases, is admitted. But to make brick without either clay or straw, it did not occur to even the Egyptian taskmasters to demand of their Hebrew slaves. This parable is deemed a sufficient explanation of the fact that the sketches of some ministers who are known to have served congregations in this district are not recorded on these pages. Only the names of such are added to

this chapter. And it is not even certain that all the names have been secured. The author in this connection desires to express his appreciation of their courtesy to those who have cordially responded to his request for information concerning themselves, for this book.

C. L. Alspach
 Wm. M. Andrews
 H. A. D. Baer
 John T. Balliet
 W. H. Bates
 J. Baumgarten
 H. Bentz
 A. W. J. Best
 H. Bielfeld
 Lewis Christ
 H. Daniel
 E. E. Emhoff
 Frederick Emmer
 Edmund Erb
 G. A. Fikes
 Richard Fricke
 Julius Fuendeling
 J. D. Gackenhaimer
 Alvin G. Gekeler
 S. H. Giesy
 I. E. Graff
 W. A. Gring
 Augustus Guenther
 F. P. Hartmetz
 J. S. Hartzell
 W. S. Hartzell
 H. C. Heyser
 H. H. Hibschan
 G. H. Johnston
 F. H. Keller
 J. Keller
 D. Kemerer
 Andrew Kern
 C. G. Klein
 John Knie
 J. B. Kniest
 H. Knepper
 R. Koehler

Albert Krahn
 D. D. Leberman
 Henry Losch
 J. W. Leuscher
 G. B. Massalsky
 Homer S. May
 M. H. Mill
 J. W. Miller
 George W. Muelder
 I. C. Mueller
 J. E. L. Miller
 E. C. Musselman
 J. B. Poener
 D. H. Reiter
 J. J. Roemer
 H. H. Sandoe
 D. I. Schaeffer
 J. S. Shade
 Wm. H. Shepp
 P. H. Sheulke
 H. A. Shiffer
 Calvin Skyles
 M. A. Smith
 H. H. Spahn
 Charles E. Stoner
 H. W. Super
 S. Thomas
 R. P. Thomas
 F. C. Trapp
 Wm. H. Tussing
 Aaron Wanner
 J. H. Wagner
 J. B. Welty
 E. F. Winters
 George Wolf
 J. B. Zumpfe

CHAPTER XXII.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD'S PROFESSORS OF THEOLOGY

REV. WILLIAM RUPP, D. D.

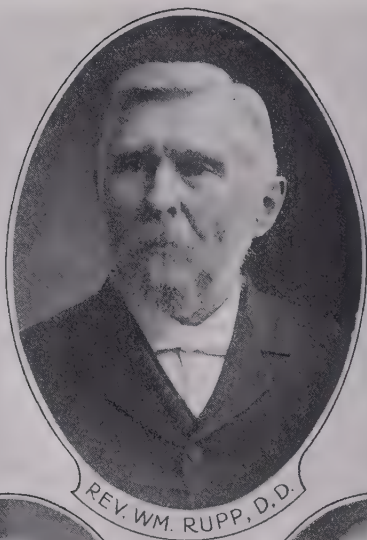
THE FIRST INCUMBENT OF THE CHAIR OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY IN THE EASTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AT LANCASTER PA.

At a meeting of Pittsburgh Synod, convened at Meadville, Pa., Oct. 1st, 1890, it was resolved to enter actively upon the work of securing funds to endow a professorship in the Eastern Theological Seminary.

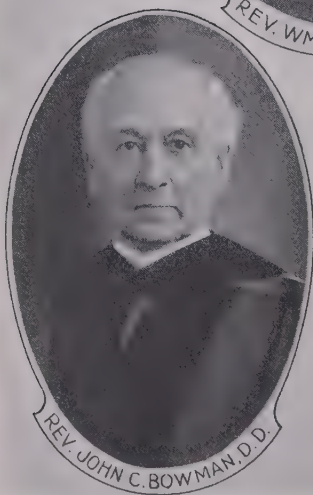
Two years later, at a meeting at Irwin, Pa., the Synod, acting upon a suggestion of the Faculty and Board of Visitors of the Seminary, selected the chair of Practical Theology, including Cultus, Catechetics, Homœletics, Church Polity, Christian Ethics, etc., as her chair in the Seminary, and elected Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., pastor of Amity Reformed Church, Myersdale, Pa., to the office of professor of theology.

The collection of funds was not completed at this time, but it was the mind of the synod that the proposed professor should have a year in which, along with his duties as a pastor, he might prepare for his work in the seminary.

The inauguration took place during a meeting of the Synod at Greenville, Pa., Sept. 30th, 1893. Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart the president of the seminary, who was present by invitation, made an address, and the officers of synod conducted the service, the chief feature of which was the inaugural address by the ingoing professor. A brief account of the endowment of the chair and the inauguration services, including the addresses, was, by order of Synod, prepared and published by a committee consisting of Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., J. Harvey Mickley, and Elder Cyrus W. Truxal, copies of which are still extant. Dr. Rupp entered upon his duties in the Seminary



REV. WM. RUPP, D.D.



REV. JOHN C. BOWMAN, D.D.



REV. E. S. BROMER, D.D.

Jan. 1st, 1894, and continued to discharge these duties with earnest devotion and great ability until a few months before his death, which occurred on the 3d of April, 1904.

In reporting the death of Dr. Rupp officially to the Pittsburgh Synod, convened in special sessions in Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., June 14th, 1904, the Board of Visitors expressed itself as follows:

"It is with great sorrow that the Board makes known the death of Rev. William Rupp, D. D., professor of Practical Theology. Dr. Rupp was born April 17th, 1839. He died April 3d, 1904. Faithful and laborious in his devotion to the church as a pastor, he brought his great abilities and capacity for work to the service of the seminary upon the acceptance of the call tendered him by the Pittsburgh Synod in 1892. He entered upon his labors in the seminary in January, 1894. In his own department of instruction, in the editorship of the *Reformed Church Review*," and in other public duties, he called attention to the church and seminary as a centre and sphere of advanced thinking, of broad liberality and positive faith. He was fearless in investigation, submissive to the authority of truth, and clear and forceful in the presentation of any subject he handled. By his departure the seminary has lost one who gave the best years of his life to its service, and who spared not his time and strength in the heavy labors of his position. If he undertook more than his strength permitted, it was because of his energy and honesty, which impelled him to labor to the full measure of his powers."

The Synod appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the death of Dr. Rupp, which was adopted. It is to this effect:

"The Synod feels that it, as well as the church at large, has sustained a great loss in the comparatively early death of Rev. Prof. William Rupp, D. D. Born April 17th, 1839, he was but sixty-five years of age when called to his reward. Chosen professor in October, 1892, inaugurated one year later, and having entered upon his work in the seminary in January, 1894, he served the church ten years in this important position. We might reasonably

have expected at least ten years more of efficient service from him; but it seemed good to our Heavenly Father to order the event otherwise. He said to his servant, 'It is enough, come up higher.' We bow in humble submission to His will, and say with such sincerity as we can: 'The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.' "

"Dr. Rupp was a man of great intellect and a great heart, and of great force of character. He was a most diligent student during the forty years of his ministry and public service. He grappled earnestly the profound problems of the day in the sphere of sociology, biblical interpretation and theology. He was in the front rank of the thinkers of his generation. He made a profound impression upon his students. He was easily first among his fellow-ministers of the synod to which he belonged. He moulded the thinking of many of his brethren in the church, and outside of the denomination of which he was a member by his articles in the "*Review*." We loved and admired him for his fidelity and earnestness as a student, for his devotion to his work, for his friendship which many of us enjoyed. We profited by his learning. We yielded ourselves to his leadership. We are grateful for the work he was enabled to do, and the results he has left us in the minds and hearts of those who listened to his lectures and who read his articles.

"We have lost a friend and a brother; a great man has fallen in Israel. We sympathize with his wife and children in their loss. Their grief is that of the synod and church to which they, and we, belong. We mingle our tears with theirs, and join in their prayers for comfort and support in this day of bereavement and trial. May God be with them and grant them help out of his sanctuary; and may he raise up worthy successors to fill the positions which he who has now gone to God so ably occupied during his life."

Dr. Rupp was a student and thinker after the type of Dr. Nevin. He was fully conversant with the latest investigations in biblical studies and theology in his generation, and had wrought out a complete system which

he gave to the students in his lectures and to the church at large in his articles in the *Quarterly Review* of which he was one of the editors. His untimely death was very much regretted by his associates in the seminary and the members of the synod which he represented in that institution.

An appreciative sketch of Dr. Rupp by another hand is added:

William Rupp, D. D., the first incumbent of the chair of Practical Theology in the Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., was born in Lowhill Township, Lehigh County, Pa., Apr. 17th, 1839. His parents, Solomon and Mariah Frey Rupp, were people of humble circumstances, farmers on a small scale. His father died when William was sixteen years old, so that the boy's home training was largely in the hands of his mother, who was both a devout and thoughtful woman. His thoughts were first directed towards the Christian ministry by one of his earliest teachers, Mr. Oliver Holben. With the ministry in view he entered Allentown Seminary in 1856, but after two months attendance his financial affairs compelled him to withdraw and go to teaching. Then his pastor, William A. Hellfrick, D. D., persuaded him to go to Franklin and Marshall where he entered the preparatory department in 1857, but again he was compelled in a few months to return to teaching. However, in 1858, he returned to Lancaster and continued his college course without any interruption until his graduation with the highest honors in 1861. After graduation he continued his studies in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg under Professors Schaff, Wolf, and Harbaugh and maintained the same high rank in scholarship there that he held in college, graduating in 1864. On Oct. 25th of the same year he was licensed to preach the gospel by Lancaster Classis in session at Lancaster, Pa., and five months later, Feb. 6th, 1865, he was ordained at Pinegrove, Pa., by a committee of Lebanon Classis, consisting of Revs. F. W. Kremer, J. E. Hiester and G. Wolf. His first charge was

at St. Clair, Pa., extending from Jan. 27th, 1865, to Sept. 30th, 1866. It was during this pastorate that Dr. Rupp was married to Miss Emma A. Hambright, of Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 16th, 1865. The following children were born to them: Mrs. Mary L. La Mar, William N., Mrs. Viola G. Master, Rev. Henry H., Mrs. Emma A. Barnhart, Dr. Frederick A., Rev. Charles E., Theodore F., and Rev. Paul B. Rupp.

The other pastorates held by Dr. Rupp were: Berlin, Pa., 1867-1877; Manchester, Md., 1877-1888; Meyersdale, Pa., 1888-1893. It was during the pastorate at Berlin that he began writing for the *Review*, then the *Mercersburg Review*, to which he was a regular contributor until the year of his death. When Pittsburgh Synod met in Greenville, Pa., in 1872, he was elected its president. In 1878 he was a member of the "Peace Commission" which brought to an end the liturgical controversy which had disturbed the church for nearly a generation. On this commission he represented Potomac Synod, having moved to Manchester the previous year.

Throughout his ministry Dr. Rupp was a close student of theological problems, and many articles came from his pen upon subjects that at the time were of pressing interest, one of which, "*The Church Question*," was written while pastor in Meyersdale, Pa., and printed in pamphlet form for general distribution. He averaged one article for the *Review* a year, and was in fact the most extensive writer for its pages of all its contributors. After his election to the professorship at Lancaster, he became associate editor of the *Review*, serving from 1893 to 1897, in that capacity; in 1897 he assumed full charge of the *Review* and was its sole editor until about a year before his death, when Prof. G. W. Richards, D. D., became the associate editor.

In 1884, under pressure from the seminary faculty and board of trustees looking towards the enlargement of

the teaching force, Pittsburgh Synod initiated a movement to raise an endowment fund for its professorship, an action which had been determined upon some years previous, and which was finally consummated in 1893. At the session of synod, held at Irwin in 1892, it was decided to elect a professor to fill the chair of Practical Theology, and Rev. William Rupp, D. D., pastor of Amity church, at Meyersdale, Pa., was unanimously chosen by Synod to that office. One year later, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30th, 1893, at the session of synod at Greenville, Pa., the professor-elect was solemnly inducted into his office, and was directed by synod, to begin his labors on Jan. 1st, 1894. The subject of Dr. Rupp's inaugural address was, "*The Prophet of Today, or the Ministry for the Times.*"

During his professorship at Lancaster, in addition to his editorship of the *Reformed Church Review*, Dr. Rupp prepared special lectures for his students on Ethics, Sociology, Haliotics, Cultus and Poimenics. He was also a contributor to the *American Journal of Theology*, as well as special lecturer to the students of Union Theological Seminary, New York. As professor "he commanded the admiration and respect of the students from the first hour in the class room. He laid hold of every subject with the hand of a master and left the impression that he might with almost equal ease fill any other chair in the institution. He made his students think. He taught them how to deal with fundamental principles and reach independent conclusions." His editorials in the *Review* were not concerned merely with theological problems, but with the great questions of the hour, and they placed the magazine in the front rank of theological thought.

His professorship ended with his death on Easter Sunday morning, Apr. 3d, 1904, at the age of sixty-five years.

REV. JOHN CALVIN BOWMAN, D. D.,
THE SECOND INCUMBENT OF THE CHAIR OF
PRACTICAL THEOLOGY IN THE EASTERN THE-
OLOGICAL SEMINARY AT LANCASTER, PA.

John Calvin Bowman, son of John and Elizabeth (Nicklas) Bowman, was born near Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa., Aug. 15th, 1849. He studied at the Chambersburg Academy and the Mercersburg Preparatory School and College for four years, and entered Franklin and Marshall College at the beginning of the second term of the Junior year, 1870, graduating in 1871. He was a member of the Diognothian Literary Society. He taught school in Hagerstown in 1872, and graduated from the Theological Seminary in Lancaster in the class of 1875.

Mr. Bowman was ordained, Nov. 12th, 1875, and was pastor of Christ Reformed Church of Shepherdstown, W. Va., from 1875 to 1882, and pastor of Emmanuel's Reformed Church of Hanover, Pa., from 1882 to 1890.

In 1890 he was elected by the Synod of the Potomac as the first incumbent of the professorship of New Testament Exegesis, which that Synod had endowed. The inauguration took place May 12th, 1891. He occupied this chair and discharged its duties for fifteen years.

At a special meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod held in Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., June 14th and 15th, 1904, Dr. Bowman was elected to the chair of Practical Theology, as successor to Dr. William Rupp, who had died April 3d, 1904.

Dr. Bowman began his work in his new department at the beginning of the seminary year in Sept. 1904, and his inauguration took place October 16th, 1904, during the meeting of synod at Berlin, Pa. His inaugural address was published in pamphlet form along with several others.

Dr. Bowman served the church in this capacity until

Aug. 15th, 1919, when, having arrived at the age of seventy years, according to the constitution he became professor emeritus, but at the request of Synod continued to perform the duties of the chair for a year longer. Dr. Bowman also served as president of the seminary from 1906 to 1920. The degree of A. M. was conferred upon Mr. Bowman in 1874, and that of D. D., in 1893, by Franklin and Marshall College.

While Dr. Bowman was pastor at Hanover the Synod of the Potomac resolved to endow a chair in the Seminary at Lancaster, and Dr. Bowman served as chairman of the committee to carry this purpose into effect, and he and his co-workers secured the sum of \$35,000 for the Seminary, and in addition a Fellowship Fund which, with accrued interest now amounts to \$3,800. Since his connection with the seminary, the present seminary grounds were purchased, and the main building and library building erected at a cost of over \$100,000, and five alcoves in the library were endowed, and the Endowment Fund was increased by 167,000, and later, three professors' houses and a janitor's house were erected at a cost of \$30,000, and in 1915-1917 a new Dormitory and Refectory and Library Annex were built, and the buildings were furnished and equipped, at a cost of about \$100,000; and all this was accomplished almost entirely through the zeal, skill and energy of Dr. Bowman. The value of the seminary plant in dollars and cents is now, according to these figures \$440,000 greater than it was thirty-five years ago, when Dr. Bowman began to take an interest in the work. Besides all this for a large part of these thirty years Dr. Bowman did the work belonging to his chair in the class-room, and during the last fourteen years performed such duties as fell to the lot of the president of the seminary. The Reformed Church, especially the synods immediately interested, owes a lasting debt of gratitude to Rev. John C. Bowman, D. D., the outgoing incumbent of Pittsburgh Synod's professorship.

EDWARD SHEPPARD BROMER, D. D.,

THE THIRD INCUMBENT OF THE CHAIR OF
PRACTICAL THEOLOGY IN THE EASTERN THE-
OLOGICAL SEMINARY AT LANCASTER, PA.

Edward S. Bromer, son of Albert and Catherine (Sheppard) Bromer, was born at Schwenksville, Montgomery County, Pa., March 19th, 1869. He took his college course at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., 1886-1890, and his seminary course at the Yale Divinity School, 1890-1893, graduating with the degree of B. D., and then spent one year, from 1893 to 1894, at the same institution in post-graduate work, specializing in Biblical Theology and Social Ethics. He was licensed at East Greenville, Pa., by the Classis of Goshenhoppen, Eastern Synod, and ordained by the Classis of Schuylkill, July 9th, 1894, at Orwigsburg, Pa. The committee of ordination consisted of Revs. W. H. Herbert, H. Leisse, O. H. Strunk, and A. R. Bartholomew.

Rev. E. S. Bromer was pastor of the Orwigsburg, Pa., charge from 1894 to 1898; of the Tabor congregation, Lebanon, Pa., from 1898 to 1905; professor of New Testament Exegesis and Theology in the Ursinus School of Theology, Philadelphia, Pa., from 1905 to 1906, when that institution was united with Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio; pastor of the first Reformed Church of Greensburg, Pa., from 1906 to 1920.

The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. Bromer by Ursinus College in 1905. He was chairman of Commission B II, in the Reformed Church Survey, in 1914; general chairman of Local Church Efficiency Commissions, under the auspices of the Layman's Missionary Movement, from 1915 to 1916; chairman of the committee on Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, since 1914; chairman of the Young People's Committee of General Synod since 1914; member of the United Missionary and Stewardship Committee since 1917; secretary of the Department of Spiritual Resources in the Forward Movement from 1919 to 1920. In 1918 Dr.

Bromer delivered a course of five lectures on Evangelism in the theological seminaries at Lancaster, Pa., and at Dayton, Ohio.

On Wednesday, October 8th, 1919, during the annual meeting at Jeannette, Pa., Pittsburgh Synod elected Rev. Edward S. Bromer, D. D., to the chair of Practical Theology in the Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., to succeed Dr. John C. Bowman, which election the Synod of the Potomac and the Eastern Synod endorsed at their annual meetings a few weeks later. At the request of Synod the incumbent of this chair, Rev. John C. Bowman, D. D., who became professor emeritus in Aug., 1919, continued to discharge the duties of the professorship during the scholastic year of 1919 to 1920. Dr. Bromer entered upon his duties in the Seminary in September 1920.

At the meeting of Westmoreland Classis at Connellsville in May, 1920, a committee was appointed to report a Minute on Dr. Bromer's withdrawal from the active pastorate: This is the report.

To the Reverend Classis of Westmoreland.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Your committee appointed to draw up a suitable minute relative to Rev. E. S. Bromer's leaving the pastorate to accept the responsible position of teacher of theology in our Theological Seminary respectfully submits the following:

The subject of this minute has labored among us as pastor of the First Greensburg charge for a period of almost fourteen years. During this time together with his corps of efficient co-workers he has numerically increased the membership of the congregation and developed them along spiritual and benevolent lines to an extent which truthfully cannot be calculated, but which places them among the front line congregations of our denomination in efficiency and spirituality. While doing this he divided much of his time with the Classis, the Synod, and the General Synod to do committee work assigned him by these several judicatories, which work as we behold it

today, in the very midst of the great Forward Movement, was far-reaching in the results so far accomplished and in establishing our present status of liberality and spirituality as a denomination. For many years he was a leader, the guide and an inspiration in the classical ministerium which meets semi-monthly, and there are those among us and others who have gone out from our midst who will ever rise to bless him for the helpfulness and inspiration which they derived from fellowship with him. He has shown himself to be an indefatigable worker in every task placed before him, by the classis, the synod, and by the church at large, and in every phase of activity, whether in the church or in the community, he has proved himself to be a worker that needeth not to be ashamed.

In view of this, therefore,—

Resolved, 1st. That we hereby express our regret at the thought and the consciousness of having these pleasant and profitable relations so long and faithfully sustained to us severed, as they will be, in measure at least, by his assumption of other duties, but that we rejoice with the entire church in the fact that he has been called to and will assume a more responsible position in the church we all love.

2nd. That we sympathize with the people of the First Reformed Church of Greensburg to whom he ministered so faithfully and who feel the loss occasioned by his withdrawal so keenly. We would console them with the thought that while it is an honor to have as pastor one who ministers to a congregation so efficiently, it is even a greater honor to the one so ministering to be asked to come up higher.

3rd. That we hereby express our best wishes for the health, happiness and success of our friend and co-worker in his new field of labor, and assure him that we will ever follow him with fond and prayerful hearts.

F. C. SEITZ,
D. B. LADY,
E. L. BRINDLE

CHAPTER XXIII.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS

Westmoreland is the oldest classis in the territory now, for the last fifty years, embraced by the Pittsburgh Synod, though not always known by this name. The first ministers or missionaries were sent to this region, and further west, by the Coetus, or Conference, into which the ministers and congregations of the Reformed Church, in the United States, were organized by Rev. Michael Schlatter in 1747, and reported, from time to time, to that body up to 1793, and after that to the Synod, into which the Coetus was changed in that year.

In 1819 the Synod divided itself into six classes. All the ministers and congregations west of the eastern line of Bedford County and east of the Ohio line formed one of these classes, and received the name of the Western Pennsylvania Classis; and was part of the original Synod, the old mother, or Eastern Synod. It seems that there are no records of the transactions of this classis to be found.

In 1836 this Western Pennsylvania Classis received permission to unite with the newly formed Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, for the purpose of establishing a theological seminary in the west, and the union took place the following year, 1837, at Osnaburg, Stark County, O.

In 1839, at a meeting held in Lancaster, Ohio, the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, divided itself into three districts. The first district included the territory from the eastern boundary of Bedford County to the Ohio line. The name "Western Pennsylvania Classis," was at that time changed to "The First District Synod of Ohio," or "The Eastern District of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States." Both names occur in the minutes.

There are full records of this body and its successors down to the present day.

The first meeting was held in Shellsburg, Bedford County, Pa., from the 4th to the 7th of May, 1840. The pastor of the Shellsburg charge at that time was the Rev. George Leidy. The Synod is said to have met on Sunday, the first Sunday in May. On the previous Saturday the pastor confirmed a number of young people. After the confirmation a service preparatory to the Holy Communion was held, at which Rev. J. Althaus was the preacher. Rev. Althaus also preached in English, in the Presbyterian Church, on Saturday evening at eight o'clock, and also preached the communion sermon in the German church on Sunday morning, whilst Rev. S. K. Denius preached in English in the Presbyterian church. On Sunday afternoon Rev. S. K. Denius, preached the Pastoral sermon, as it is named in the minutes, in German, in the German church.

The first business session was held on Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the house of Michael Reed, Esq. There were present: Revs. S. K. Denius, G. Leidy, J. Althaus, and Wm. Conrad; Elders: Peter Schall, John Yaenny, Michael Zimmerman, and Henry Chorpennning, and a delegated elder from the congregations of Rev. H. G. Ibbeken, whose name the secretary seemed to have forgotten. Absent: Revs. N. P. Hacke, D. Kemerer, H. G. Ibbeken, J. Keller, H. Koch, D. Rauhauser, H. E. F. Voigt, W. Weinel, P. Zeiser, E. F. Winter and A. Bayer.

Rev. S. K. Denius was chosen president; Rev. J. Althaus, secretary, and Mr. J. G. Miller, treasurer.

Only the pastors present reported their statistics, and from the four charges: 209 baptisms, 117 confirmations, 943 communicants, 34 burials, 22 weddings, 8 week day schools, and four Sunday Schools are reported.

The second annual meeting of this First District of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States was held in Somerset, Somerset County, Pa., from Sunday, May 23d, to May 25th, 1841. On Saturday, at 2:00 P. M., Rev. W. Weinel preached the preparatory sermon and Rev. Wm. Conrad

preached in the evening in English. Rev. N. P. Hacke preached the communion sermon in German, and Rev. J. F. Dieffenbacher in English, on Sunday. In the evening, Rev. Samuel R. Fisher preached in English. On Monday at 9:00 A. M., the Synod met for business. There were present: Revs. N. P. Hacke, W. Weinel, P. Zeiser, H. E. F. Voigt, H. G. Ibbeken, W. Conrad and G. Leidy; Elders: P. Weiskoph, Abra. Bernhart, Rudolf Hunsicker, M. Zimmerman, and Herbert Otto. Absent: Revs. H. Koch, J. Keller, J. Althaus, D. Kemerer, D. Rahauser, A. Bayer, E. F. Winter, and H. Giese.

Rev. W. Weinel was chosen president, Rev. H. G. Ibbeken, secretary, and Elder Peter Weiskoph, treasurer.

This is the statistical report:

Ministers	Congs	Bapts	Confd	Comts	D'ths	S. Schs.
W. Weinel	5	63	76	405	5	.....
E. H. F. Voigt.....	11	68	22	207	10	.....
H. G. Ibbeken	8	63	20	235	20	2
W. Conrad	4	30	37	135	.....	.....
G. Leidy	5	51	7	187	.....	.....
P. Zeiser	9	67	30	400	8	3
J. Keller	6	73	49	329	11	.....
J. Althaus	6	111	42	304	2	.....
N. P. Hacke	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. Koch	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	64	526	283	2202	56	5

Revs. Hacke and Koch reported only their congregations, and Rev. A. Bayer made no report—"Kein Bericht."

The third meeting was held at Brush Creek Church, near Adamsburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., from the 23d to the 25th of May, 1842. Rev. G. Leidy preached the preparatory sermon on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday evening candidate, B. Knepper, preached in English. On Sunday morning Rev. H. G. Ibbeken preached the communion sermon, and on Sunday afternoon Rev. W.

Weinel, and on Sunday evening Rev. William Conrad, preached.

On Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock the business sessions began. Rev. N. P. Hacke was chosen president, Rev. H. E. F. Voigt, secretary, and Elder P. Weiskopf was re-elected treasurer. N. P. Hacke again failed to report his statistics. W. Weinell also was derelict in this respect. Rev. H. Koch reported 5 congregations, 107 baptisms, 52 confirmed, 134 communicants, 8 funerals, and 1 Sunday School. Rev. A. Bayer also reported 5 congregations, 45 baptisms, 348 communicants, 11 deaths, and 1 Sunday School. P. Zeiser and J. Keller did not report their statistics, and E. F. Winter and H. Knepper did not report at all.

At a meeting of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States at Canton, Ohio, in 1842, the territory of the three districts of the Synod was divided into six classes. The First District was, according to this plan, divided into two classes. The line of division began at the northwestern corner of Mercer County, Pa., and extended due eastward to the Allegheny mountain range. All the pastors and congregations north of this line were to constitute the Erie Classis, and all south of the line were to be known as the Westmoreland Classis.

The first annual meeting of the new Westmoreland Classis was held in St. John's, or Kindig's Church, near Mt. Pleasant, Pa., from the 28th to the 30th of May, 1843.

The second annual meeting was held in Berlin, Somerset County, from Saturday, June 1st to Tuesday, June 4th, 1844. On Sunday morning, June 2d, the newly built Reformed church was dedicated, in connection with which Rev. N. P. Hacke preached in German and Rev. Wm. Conrad in English, and the Holy Communion was also administered, at the same service. In connection with the minutes of this meeting the statistics of Rev. N. P. Hacke's charge of five congregations, viz: Greensburg, Ridge, Manor, Brush Creek and Harrold's, appear for the first time. This Minute Book goes back only to 1840. At

the fifth meeting, therefore, Rev. Hacke seems to have handed in his statistics, something which he had not been in the habit of doing.

Naturally not all the ministers in the classis were present at every meeting. Those not present did not as a rule send their statistics. And some of those who were present did not furnish the secretary with the statistics of the charge at each meeting. It may not have been insisted upon by the classis. Or there may have been reasons why, in certain cases, the rule, if there was a rule, was not complied with.

A table is here given containing the statistics of all the charges in the classis for 1844. In those charges which did not report their statistics in 1844, the report of a previous year, nearest 1844, is taken to complete the figures.

Ministers	Number of Congregations	Names of Congregations	Baptized	Confirmed	Communed	Died	Sunday Schools	1844 Postoffice Addresses	
H. Giese.....		Emeritus						Berlin, Somerset County, Pa.	
N. P. Hacke.....	5	Greensburg, Ridge, Manor, Brush Creek, Harolds	108	39	475	19	7	Greensburg, Westmoreland County	
H. E. F. Voigt.....	12	Kindig's, Swope's, Barren Run, Zehner's, Muhleisen's, Hen- ke's, Boehmer's, Youngs- town, Jake's, Brandt's, Don- egal, Indian Creek	112	17	267	5	6	Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County	
W. Weinell	4	Hill's, Allegheny, Frantze's, Thomas	86	38	339	9		Crawford's Mills, Westmoreland County	
W. Conrad	7	Berlin, Stoyestown, Shade, Sal- isbury, Stony Creek, Center- ville, Pa., Grantsville, Md.	118	26	344	5	4	Berlin, Somerset County	
H. Koch	5	Richland, Licking, Redbank, Rimersburg, Sugar Creek	117	52	134	8	1	Rimersburg, Clarion County	
H. G. Ibaken	8	Somerset, Samuel's, Lohr's, Rhoad's, Union, Reichard's, Zion's, Solomon's	70	29	226	12	4	Somerset, Somerset County	
J. Althaus	5	Paradise, Sandy's St. Paul's, Mahoning, Salem's	83		287	4	2		
P. Zeiser	9	Union, Black's, Brown's, Christ Church, Adam's, Peter's, Good Hope, St. John's, Jerusa- lem, Daniel's	67	39	400	8	3		
Total	55		761	231	2472	80	27		

In 1842, the last meeting of the ministers and elders of this section of the church as the First District Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, Rev. G. Leidy, reported, as pastor of five congregations: Shellsburg, Friends Cove, Dennens Creek, Miller's, and St. Clair's, Bedford County, Pa., 52 baptisms, 45 confirmed, 12 deaths and 2 Sunday Schools. J. Keller also reported as pastor of 6 congregations: Amherst, Lancaster, Failings, Clarence in Erie County, Pa., and Zion's and Frieden's in Niagara County, N. Y., but does not give statistics. In 1841, the year before his statistics were: Baptisms, 73; confirmed, 49; communicants, 329; deaths, eleven. In 1844 there is also a report from H. Knepper, as pastor of 6 congregations: Mt. Carmel, Glades, Crab Orchard, Cuppits, Frankhauser's, Preston County, Va., and Nesler's, Barbour County, Va. The post office address is given as German Settlement, Preston County, Va. The statistics are: Baptisms 70, confirmed 27, communed 181, Sunday Schools, four. In 1842, there is also a report from A. Bayer, as pastor of 5 congregations: St. Jacob's, Paul's, and Peter's, Livingstone County, Orangeville, and Sheldon, Wyoming County, N. Y., baptisms, 45; communed, 348; deaths, 11, and one Sunday School.

Naturally, Rev. J. Keller and his congregations, and Rev. A. Bayer and his congregations, and others, went into the new Erie Classis, when the First District Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, was divided into the Westmoreland and Erie Classis in 1842.

As to the Erie Classis, these facts have been gathered from the minutes of the Synod of Ohio by Rev. Wm. H. Cogley of Troutville, Pa.

At the meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and Adjacent States, at Canton, Stark County, Ohio, Oct. 1-6, 1842, it was resolved that instead of the District Synods, the Synod of Ohio would henceforth be composed of six classes. A committee consisting of Revs. D. Winters, H. Williard, J. P. Mahnens-

chmidt, S. B. Leiter, N. P. Hacke, and J. Keller, was appointed to define the boundaries of said classes, and reported as follows:

"The original First District Synod shall be divided into two classes, by a straight line commencing at the northwest corner of Mercer County, Pa., and passing thence due east to the Allegheny Mountains. Those ministers who live south of this line shall constitute the classis of Westmoreland, and those north of it, the classis of Erie."

The first meeting of Erie Classis was held in Lockport, Niagara County, N. Y., on the first Sunday in June, 1843.

As the delegate sent from Erie Classis to Synod (Ohio) was properly a member of Westmoreland Classis, he was not recognized, so we have no report for 1843.

The ministers and charges of Erie Classis in 1844 were as follows:

Ministers	No. Cong.	Names of Congregations	Post Office Address
B. Boyer	3	Jerusalem, Zion, Meadville	Saegertown, Crawford County, Pa.
J. Keller	8	Zions, Friendsens, Lancaster, St. Paul's etc.	Lancaster, Erie County, N. Y.
J. A. Bayer	2	St. Paul's and Jacob's	Dansville, Livingston County, N. Y.
J. Althaus	4	Paradise, Jefferson, St. Paul's, etc.	Punxsutawney, Jefferson County, Pa.
J. F. Engelbach	--	Missionary	
J. Van Linge .....	..		Buffalo, N. Y.

THESE ARE THE NAMES FOR 1845

B. Boyer	3	Jerusalem, Zion, Meadville	Saegertown, Crawford County, Pa.
P. Zeiser	7	Union, Black, Brown's, Christ Church, Good Hope, St. John's, Salems.	West Greensville, Mercer County, Pa.
J. Althaus	4	Zion's, Friedens, Failings, Black Street	Lockport, Niagara County, N. Y.
J. A. Bayer	1	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, Indiana.
J. Keller	3	St. Peter's, St. John's, Orangeville.	Lancaster, Erie County, N. Y.
J. F. Engelbach	8	St. John's, St. Paul's, Paradise, Pun- sutawney, Sandy, Zion's Mahoning, etc.	Punxsutawney, Jefferson County, Pa.
J. Van Linge	1	St. Catherin	St. Catherins, Upper Canada
W. Brombacher	1	Warren	Warren, Warren County, Pa.

Trouble seems to have begun in 1846, as Erie Classis sent no delegates to synod, and made no report that year.

In 1847 there is an item asking synod to make provision for the liquidation of the sum of fifty dollars apportioned Erie Classis in 1845, inasmuch as that classis had seceded.

No other mention is made of Erie Classis in the minutes of synod except the following resolution :

“A resolution requesting Erie Classis to continue its organization as a classis of this Synod, and in case of refusal any member thereof has permission to connect with the nearest classis.” Except for one, the Rev. Benjamin Boyer, none of the members seems to have taken advantage of this privilege at this time.

In 1849 there is no mention of Erie Classis but the statistical report shows that some of the charges united with neighboring classes, principally with Westmoreland Classis.

The congregations served by H. Knepper in Preston and Barbour Counties, Va., Mt. Carmel, Glade, Crab Orchard, etc., are reported as without a pastor in 1845, as are also Wellersburg, Mulls, White Oak, etc., in Somerset County, Pa., and also Licking, Redbank, etc., in Clarion County, Pa.

The narrative in the foregoing pages of this chapter has been written to give the reader a glimpse of what was going on in this section in the period from 1840 to 1850. What precedes the year 1840 is at least in part, set forth in earlier chapters, of this book, especially in the sketches of the pioneers, Weber, Koch, Hacke, Voigt and Conrad, and is also described to some extent in the chapter giving a history of several of the other classes. There would not be space in this book to follow the transactions down through all the subsequent years. They are faithfully recorded in the classical minutes, which are carefully preserved in the archives of classis.

At a special meeting of classis held in Greensburg, Jan. 8th, 1851, the pastors and congregations north of the Kiskiminetas River were dismissed for the purpose of forming a new classis, named Clarion, in accordance with an action of the Ohio Synod, in session at Navarre, Ohio, in 1850. The ministers dismissed were: Revs. D. B. Ernst, S. Miller, H. Hoffman, L. D. Leberman, J. C. Henneman, G. Wolf, B. Boyer, J. S. Shade, H. F. Hartman, and Lic. M. A. Smith.

Here follow statistics for 1854, 1866, 1871, 1872, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920:

Ministers	Congregations	Charges	1854					Post Office Address	Benevolence
			Members	Baptized	Confirmed	Communicants	Deaths		
H. E. F. Voigt.....	9	Mt. Pleasant	400	49	.....	399	19	Mt. Pleasant Pa.....	\$ 20.00
N. P. Hacke.....	5	Greensburg, German	230	26	14	200	3	Greensburg, Pa.	140.00
Wm. Conrad	3	Berlin	230	26	14	200	3	Berlin, Pa.	38.00
Benj. Knepper	8	Wellersburg	261	15	16	261	5	Wellersburg, Pa.	10.00
S. H. Giesy	4	Greensburg, English	220	25	12	200	8	Greensburg, Pa.	45.00
C. F. Hoffmeier	5	Somerset	300	31	15	300	....	Somerset, Pa.	27.00
Geo. B. Russell	1	Pittsburgh Mission	31	5	.....	23	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	35.00
H. Knepper		Without Charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Grantsville, Pa. ....	.....
W. Weinell		Without Charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Leechburg, Pa. ....	.....
J. Hoyman	5	Shade	200	32	16	200	4	Stoyestown, Pa.	23.00
Total	40	Totals	2442	313	153	2258	66	Total	\$338.00

MINISTERS	Number of Communications	NAMES OF CHARGES	Unconfirmed		Communicants	Baptisms	Received by Letter or Renewal	Confirmed	Dismissed by Letter	Excommuni- cated	Deaths	S. Schools	Benevolent Contributions	1866 POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Members	Confirmed Members										
N. P. Hacke	5	Greensburg, (German)	208	264	567	76	49	37	8	\$ 273.00	Greensburg, Pa.			
B. Knepper	6	Wellersburg	160	240	205	36	31	7	4	16.00	Wellersburg, Pa.			
J. A. Peters	4	Mt. Pleasant	325	125	20	8	28	3	4	295.49	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.			
Wm. Rupp	4	Berlin	240	250	220	10	4	6	4	89.50	Berlin, Pa.			
T. J. Barkley	4	Salem	190	160	145	26	7	4	4	159.85	Salem X Roads, Pa.			
E. D. Shoemaker	3	Latrobe	117	113	104	8	21	3	2	95.00	Youngstown, Pa.			
J. H. Wagner	1	Grace Church	201	238	214	35	40	46	3	2376.21	Pittsburgh, Pa.			
G. H. Johnston	3	Greensburg, (English)	120	180	130	34	7	7	3	229.00	Greensburg, Pa.			
W. A. Gring	3	Paradise	170	144	144	10	4	3	9	220.17	Elk Lick, Pa.			
J. H. Sykes	4	Somerset	215	281	227	28	4	43	4	56.00	Somerset, Pa.			
A. J. Heller	4	Beam's	60	51	43	11	2	18	2	200.00	Sipesville, Pa.			
C. C. Russell	2	Ligonier Valley Mission	16	18	18				6	1	28.00	Latrobe, Pa.		
J. Baumgarther	1	Pittsburgh German Mission									Pittsburgh, Pa.			
Vacant	1	Cumberland Mission									Cumberland, Md.			
Vacant	5	Shade	150	186	130						Stoyestown, Pa.			
H. E. F. Voigt		Superannuated									Mt. Pleasant, Pa.			
F. K. Levan		President Westmoreland College									Mt. Pleasant, Pa.			
H. W. Shaper		Without Charge									Lancaster, Pa.			
			1847	2574	2519	366	100	303	35	1	85	29	\$4038.22	

It will be observed that two charges, Greensburg, (German) and Berlin do not report their unconfirmed members, and that one charge, Greensburg (German) does not report the confirmed members. Otherwise the statistics are more completely given than in any former year.

MINISTERS	Congregations	CHARGES	1871												POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
			Confirmed Members	Unconfirmed Members	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunicated	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolents Contributions	
N. P. Hacke, D. D.	4	1st Greensburg	610	535	90	25	4	525	5	30	5	300	\$ 325.00	Greensburg, Pa.	
H. E. F. Voigt		Superannuated												Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	
B. Knepper	6	Wellersburg	362	400	38	27	3	271	10	3	4	148	174.00	Wellersburg, Pa.	
F. K. Levan													75.00	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
C. C. Russell															
G. H. Johnston	4	Somerset	222	120	9	10	3	180		3	3	150	77.00	Somerset, Pa.	
T. J. Barkley	1	Grace Church	135	100	4	10	4	124	1	2	1	90	599.00	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
A. J. Heller	4	Mt. Pleasant	200	120	20	23		175	4	3	2	100	150.00	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	
Wm. Rupp	3	Berlin	399	320	30	28	6	295	8	7	3	165	227.00	Berlin, Pa.	
T. F. Stauffer	4	St. James', Pittsburgh	234	189	8	10	2	150		3	2	117	28.00	Apollo, Pa.	
J. F. Snyder	3	Salem	392	335	17	10	10	361		8	3	760	284.00	Delmont, Pa.	
A. B. Koplin	4	Paradise	226	167	18	31	6	190		2	100	110.00	Elk Lick, Pa.		
H. F. Keener	5	Beam's	342	233	26	30	2	327	5	8	3	120	241.78	Sipesville, Pa.	
L. B. Leasure	1	Wilkinsburg	32	70	6		6	30					20.00	Irwin Station	
James Grant	5	St. John's	150	234	4	1	2	100	9				14.22	Bradenville, Pa.	
John Ruhl		Frostburg	137	180	19	25	17	137	5	8	1	150	43.00	Frostburg, Md.	
John Voeglin	1	St. James's, Pittsburgh	40	24	11		25							Pittsburgh, Pa.	
W. E. Krebs	1	Irwin	116	103	13	12	11	103	3		1	100	75.00	Irwin Station, Pa.	
J. I. Swander	4	Latrobe	235	210	23	26	15	225	1	1	2	75	110.00	Latrobe, Pa.	
Albert Krahn	1	St. Paul's	45	42	7		22	53	8	1	1	65	16.50	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
J. W. Love	2	2nd. Greensburg	148	175	13	8	6	128	4	1	1	75	163.42	Greensburg, Pa.	
A. C. Geary	1	Ursina & Dale City	100	110	5	7	1	80	1	3			9.50	Dale City, Pa.	
		Cumberland	50											Cumberland, Md.	
	1	Johnstown	10												
Totals	32		4185	3717	361	292	120	3479	(7	78	34	2015	\$2745.22		

MINISTERS	Congregations	CHARGES	Confirmed Members		Unconfirmed Members		Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunicated	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools		Sunday School Scholars	Beneficent Contributions	STATISTICAL TABLE 1872	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Confirmed Members	Unconfirmed Members	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars													
N. P. Hacke.....	4	1st Greensburg	645	650	101	34	545					5	43	4	300	\$ 500.00		Greensburg, Pa.	
H. E. F. Voigt		Superannuated																Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	
J. F. Snyder	3	Salem	399	390	35	11	8 361					7	10	4	285	428.00		Delmont, Pa.	
J. I. Swander	4	Latrobe	233	280	32	5	8 230					5	14	2	80	170.00		Latrobe, Pa.	
W. E. Krebs	1	Irwin	122	120	21	14	6 108					2	6	1	100	83.89		F. & M. College, Lancaster	
J. W. Love	2	2d. Greensburg	151	178	12	6	10 136					1	4	1	76	217.50		Greensburg, Pa.	
D. B. Lady	4	Mt. Pleasant	200	120	8	20	6 180					4	2	160	137.34			Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	
J. B. Welty	2	St. James'	175	189	5		150						4	2	136			Apollo, Pa.	
	1	Olive	51	40		10	51							1	50				
	1	Johnstown	10																
L. B. Leasure																			
Totals	22	Totals	1978	1917	221	100	38 1761					24	81	16	1187	\$1536.00		Irwin Station, Pa.	

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MINISTERS	Congregations	CHARGES												CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	STATISTICAL TABLE 1880
		Members	Unconfirmed Members	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Deaths	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Students for the Ministry			
														Benevolence	Congregational Purposes		
Jacob F. Snyder	2	339	298	24	3	31	21	331	3		8	2	173	\$ 239.46	\$ 1050.70	Manor Dale, Pa.	
John W. Love	3	289	267	20	7	24	9	288	12	4	6	2	178	260.00	1263.00	Greensburg, Pa.	
David B. Lady	2	550	432	48	13	17	510	9		11	3	250	2	235.00	1100.00	Manor Station, Pa.	
John McConnel	2	103	78	5	1	3	6	102		10		2	104	51.83	241.17	Salina, Pa.	
Samuel Z. Beam	4	228	132	2		7	12	161	2		11	4	230	291.00	1411.00	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	
Cyrus R. Diefenbacher	2	430	400	45	3	49	20	440	10		8	2	250	260.50	2260.11	Greensburg, Pa.	
George D. Gurley	1	65	60	5		4		68	11		4	1	60	50.00	370.00	Latrobe, Pa.	
Benjamin B. Ferer	3	315	255	12	3	23	16	278	6		12	3	200	265.00	755.00	Pleasant Unity, Pa.	
John Dotterer	1	129	80	7	1	18	6	116	6		2	1	100	55.00	575.00	Merwin, Pa.	
Albert E. Truxal	1	200	165	8		10	37	160	3		7	1	100	55.00	575.00	Irwin Station, Pa.	
Charles W. Good	2	243	178	2		20	3	200	2		2	1	60	26.00	600.00	Delmont, Pa.	
Prof. Lucian Cort																	
James Grant																Bradenville, Pa.	
Supplied by Rev. Good	1	45	20			10		35				1	30	13.14	150.00		
W. H. Bates	1	50	2													Johnstown, Pa.	
Totals	25	3036	2340	130	18	212	147	2669	64		147	23	1759	3 \$1831.23	\$10269.34		

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MINISTERS	Congregations	Charges	Members				BAP- TISMS	Contributions				Period- icals	STATISTICS 1890 POST OFFICE ADDRESS							
			Unconfirmed		Confirmed			Communed	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Deaths			Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Students for the Ministry	Contributions			
			Members	Infants	Adults	Confirmed											Benevolent Purposes	Congregation- Purposes	Messenger	Treasury Etc.
Jacob F. Snyder	1	Emmanuel	285	245	20	1	2	244	10	2	8	1	151	\$ 465.13	\$ 1005.00	70	175	Manor Dale, Pa.		
C. R. Dieffenbacher	1	First Greensburg	520	380	49	5	27	38	480	10	5	10	1	315	1	1053.51	2,403.00	40	375	Greensburg, Pa.
Wm. H. Bates	1	St. John's	129	100	7						6	17			1	100.00		7		Johnstown, Pa.
Albert E. Truxal	4	Brush Creek	450	302	19	12	12	392	4	7	7	2	150	2	540.19	500.00	50	150	Manor Station, Pa.	
E. H. Dieffenbacher	3	Pleasant Unity	294	205	23	3	10	14	238	12	16	5	3	238		277.74	774.30	40	195	Pleasant Unity, Pa.
Cyrus M. Hartzell	3	Latrobe	283	160	10	6	7	260	7	21	3	3	850		145.48	2525.00	30	300	Latrobe, Pa.	
Charles R. Ferner	2	Mt. Pleasant	235	145	12	5	24	18	208	11	5	2	2	150		230.93	4197.00	26	60	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
J. Nevin Bauman	2	Salem	225	159	9	7	10	208	21	1	4	2	120		224.50	856.15	18	45	Delmont, Pa.	
Silas B. Mase	1	Second Greensburg	241	45	10	5	32	213	1	6	1	118			535.00	1707.00	55	20	Greensburg, Pa.	
Franklin W. Brown	2	Pine Run	189	82	12	7	4	167	6		2	2	137		127.75	755.85	19	65	N. Washington, Pa.	
J. Harvey Mickle	3	Scottdale	126	59	18	4	11	6	101	1	10	5	2	125		133.88	2187.91	14	115	Scottdale, Pa.
Nehemiah H. Skyles	1	Grace	65	48	6	9	10	48			4	1	45	1	22.20	1950.00	16	25	Jeannette, Pa.	
Franklin E. Laufer	2	Salina	166	87	33	17	17	166	9		2	2	96		50.00	603.92	16	50	Salina, Pa.	
M. H. Mill	3	Harolds	250	175	5	8		200			6	3	140		100.00	600.00			Greensburg, Pa.	
Vacant	2	Irwin	306	216	34	9	3	193	11	7	7	2	150		160.67	1029.75	30	115	Irwin, Pa.	
Lucian Cort		Without Charge																		Greensburg, Pa.
John McCormick		Without Charge																		Salina, Pa.
James Grant		Without Charge																		Bradenville, Pa.
Totals	31	Totals	3764	2408	267	35	173	173	3118	109	57	88	27	2280	5	\$4046.00	\$29691.80	431	1690	

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MINISTERS	CHARGES	MEMBERS			ADDITIONS			LOSSES					S. S. STA-TISTICS		CONTRIBU-TIONS			Church Papers Taken	POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Congregations	Communicants		Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Deaths, Communists.	Deaths, Unconf'd.	Sunday-Schools	Officers and Teachers	Sunday-School Scholars	Students for Ministry			Benevolent Pur-poses	Congregational Purposes	Minutes Wanted
J. F. Snyder	Emmanuel	1 291	264	244	21	1 22	0	5	0	3	4	5	1 19	176	0	\$ 405.46	\$ 1314.05	16	26	Manor Dale, Pa.		
C. M. Hartzell	Latrobe	2 330	280	180	17	2 15	20	10	0	14	5	2	2 46	326	0	569.54	2153.25	15	60	Latrobe, Pa.		
J. N. Bauman	Grace	1 318	328	217	26	2 8	19	9	0	0	2	6	1 18	156	1	327.20	1689.80	15	40	Jennette, Pa.		
J. H. Mickle	St. John's	1 233	196	170	19	3 5	19	3	0	4	4	2	1 17	226	0	351.32	1569.60	25	28	Johnstown, Pa.		
D. A. Souders	Irwin	2 383	284	297	15	0 27	1	12	0	9	6	3	2 26	207	0	585.55	1397.00	50	18	Irwin, Pa.		
J. M. Evans	Denmark-Manor	2 319	258	180	16	1 15	4	8	0	0	4	2	2 23	238	0	459.04	988.44	35	18	Harrison City, Pa.		
E. D. Meixell	Scottdale	2 198	154	100	6	2 5	7	5	0	10	3	3	1 15	120	0	318.25	1117.35	10	20	Scottdale, Pa.		
D. S. Stephan	First Reformed	1 35	28	32	1	2 0	33	0	0	0	0	0	1 9	60	0	6.47	126.22	5	5	Vandergrift, Pa.		
T. S. Land	Brush Creek	2 297	257	104	12	1 11	8	11	0	0	3	2	2 26	205	0	522.00	1552.00	12	46	Manor Station, Pa.		
S. B. Mase	Second, Greensburg	1 283	255	95	10	1 10	7	2	0	4	5	0	1 21	200	0	569.96	10679.24	20	50	Greensburg, Pa.		
W. H. Tussing	Mount Pleasant	2 273	217	164	18	4 7	4	4	0	9	4	0	2 22	234	3	468.00	1431.00	25	30	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.		
C. E. Warner	Salem	2 237	213	117	8	1 6	17	5	0	0	7	6	1 23	115	0	268.75	1277.00	40	25	Delmont, Pa.		
C. E. Garner	Harrods	1 133	108	75	7	0 0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1 15	64	0	113.00	855.00	8	8	Greensburg, Pa.		
A. M. Schaffner	Ruffsdales	3 283	224	111	13	3 3	4	6	0	5	3	2	3 31	228	0	221.31	1019.17	17	19	Ruffsdales, Pa.		
A. J. Heller, D. D.	Trinity	1 39	23	35	12	0 4	11	0	0	0	0	0	1 2	26	0	19.43	588.00	18	35	Connellsville, Pa.		
Will. S. Fisher	Pine Run-Salina	2 243	210	109	10	5 13	7	4	0	0	0	1	2 26	206	0	321.00	839.00	15	25	N. Washington, Pa.		
W. A. McClellan	Young'twn, Pleasant Uni	5 307	234	101	13	1 18	5	7	0	0	5	2	5 39	193	1	220.28	807.62	30	75	Youngstown, Pa.		
Vacant	First, Greensburg	1 649	580	455	45	4 45	9	27	0	0	9	4	1 36	389	0	1232.00	3479.37	30	75			
C. R. Diefenbacher,	Without Charge																			N. Washington, Pa.		
C. C. W. Summey	Without Charge																			Salina, Pa.		
C. C. R. Ferner	Without Charge																			Scottdale, Pa.		
J. McConnell	Without Charge																			Mt. Pleasant, Pa.		
Lucian Cort	Without Charge																					
C. E. Zimmerman (lic	St. James Congregation.	1 56																				
Francis Csanfordi	Olive Congregation.	1 30	25		1	7	1						1	40						Johnstown, Pa.		
Ministers, 22	Charges, 13.	31 40	4048	2786	260	33 221	177	115		65.63	36	32	422	3431	5	\$6978.56	\$32934.01	306	1555			

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MINISTERS	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS	MEMBERS			ADDITIONS							LOSSES				Marriages	Burials	SCHOOLS SUNDAY			Students for Ministry	CONTRIBUTIONS		Minutes Wanted		
			Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	From Returned Congregations	By Certificate	From Other Denominations	Renewal of Profession	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Erase of Name	Deaths, Commun			Deaths, Uncon.	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers		Scholars, Adult Home Dept. in	Benevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes	
WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.....W. J. Muir, Stated Clerk.																											
J. F. Snyder	Salina.....	Salina.....	233	190	159	18	5	13		6	2	1		10	2	3	2	12	2	27	233		\$ 307.82	\$ 1355.00	6		
John McConnell	Salina.....	Retired.....																									
C. M. Hartzell	Latrobe.....	Christ.....	468	401	150	31	12	24	3		10	3		12	3	2	6	10	1	37	737	1	1195.00	3673.00	12		
C. R. Ferner	Mt. Pleasant.....	Without Charge.....																									
J. N. Bauman	Jeannette.....	Grace.....	492	350	370	15	3	14	3	2	9	12		8	7	1	6	23	1	19	279		779.52	1988.76	18		
J. Harvey Mickley	Johnstown.....	St. John's.....	358	272	272	10	4	10	5			11		1	13		8	16	1	22	311		919.00	2562.00	18		
		St. Paul's.....	65	50	38	3		1	2			2							1	15	94		139.00	990.00	7		
D. A. Souders, D. D.	Irwin.....	Supt. of Missions.....																									
D. Snider Stephan	Vandergrift.....	First.....	100	77	72	6		5		2	2	3			1	1		3	1	14	64		140.75	984.25	8		
S. B. Mase, D. D.	Greensburg.....	Second.....	356	289	96	15	2	11	1	1	2	5		4	1	4	10		7	1	25	309		4229.29	4046.50	20	
C. E. Wagner	Connellsville.....	Trinity.....	68	56	28	4		1	2	1	6			1	1	1		3	1	14	86		102.91	849.70	10		
A. J. Heller, D. D.	Greensburg.....	Retired.....																									
Cyrus Cort, D. D.	Overlea, Md.....	Without Charge.....																									
John F. Bair.....	Greensburg.....	Third.....	77	58	50	12	2	4	7	3	1				1		2	1	1	16	101		32.00	950.00			
		Seanors.....	75	70	65	3	1	1										3	1	11	50		80.00	310.00			
		Trinity.....	47	32	22	2														6	29		49.50	152.00	16		
C. L. Noss.....	Box 303, Manor.....	Manor.....	215	184	92	3	1	11	6	1		3		3	3		4	5	1	15	136		478.02	983.66	10		
U. C. E. Gutelius.....	Irwin.....	Brush Creek.....	192	169	72	16						7	1	2		6	1	2	3	1	17	84		561.19	934.34	10	
S. H. Isenberg, Ph.D.....	Johnstown.....	First.....	361	298	156	18	1	3	1	6	10	10		4	1	1	8	12	1	31	418	1	932.91	2248.39	12		
		Without Charge.....																									
E. D. Bright.....	Youngwood.....	Harrolds.....	96	93	87	4							6				2		1	15	57		159.00	1130.00	7		
L. D. Steckel.....	Greensburg.....	First.....	130	96	65	4							2						1	15	155		117.00	1250.00	9		
J. C. Bowman, D. D.....	Lancaster.....	Retired.....																									
		Prof. Theo. Seminary.....																									
S. U. Waugaman.....	Export, R. F. D. 1.....	Emanuel.....	258	214	141	11	1	3	3		2	10		1	2	1	2	3	1	21	214		425.00	1724.00	12		
		Christ.....	38	38	37	1		2	4	4	3								1	8	81		85.00	176.00	4		
E. R. Deatrick, B. D.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	First.....	216	167	114	14			1			6		16	5	2	2	12	1	20	175		573.00	1096.00	4		
		St. John's.....	58	45	32			1	1		1								1	13	69		294.00	865.00			
E. S. Bromer, D. D.....	3d & Maple Gbg.....	First, Greensburg.....	930	735	398	30	3	32	8	4	4	21			15		18	17	1	39	719	1	2638.00	5605.00	18		
		First.....	38	34	28	3			2										1	2	1	9	91		42.00	310.00	5
J. W. Albertson.....	Ligonier.....	Beulah.....	40	39	26			2					2				1	1	1	9	58		48.00	220.00	4		
		St. John's.....	10	9	19								1						1	1	8	43		8.00	50.00	2	
C. W. Summey.....	Apollo.....	Pine Run.....	128	114	69	3			3				2	3	1		4	1	12	218		248.72	825.60	8			
R. Franklin Main.....	Larimer.....	St. John's.....	160	121	110	14	1	12				4	5		20	1	2	1	4	1	14	176		188.14	528.00	10	
		Faith.....	16	16	12	4			1			1	2		2								12.00	292.96	4		
H. N. Smith.....	Delmont.....	Trinity.....	169	147	67	5	3		1			5							1	12	66		194.89	782.00	7		
		Grace.....	73	62	42		1	4					5					2	1	9	57		70.50	300.00	6		
C. G. Shupe.....	Ruffsedale.....	Christ.....	132	90	60	1							5	2	1	3	5	3	1	12	111		170.25	540.00	14		
		St. Luke's.....	34	20	15	1		1				1	2		1					1	10	43		52.40	264.00	5	
W. J. Muir.....	Scottdale.....	Trinity.....	174	148	87	1	2	16	6			2	6		7			1		14	94		178.00	870.00	10		
		Zion.....	44	42	15	4							1										40.00	116.00			
S. H. Deitzel, Ph.D.....	Pleasant Unity.....	St. Paul's.....	186	159	97	5	3	9	3	3	3	2			1	2	2	3	1	12	88		214.00	1130.00	8		
		St. Luke's.....	61	52	38	3		6	2		4	1			1	1	1	2	1	8	71		61.00	174.00	6		
Vacant.....	Derry.....	Emmanuel.....	77	68	49	3		8	3	2	6	3			1	2		3	1	7	85		83.00	218.00	6		
		St. Paul.....	73	47	50	4							1			1		1	1	7	46		92.00	400.00	8		
Vacant.....	Harrison City.....	Denmark-Manor.....	185	162	87	13	2	12	6			1			1	1	1		1	11	95		244.00	610.00			
		Harrison City.....	116	93	61	7			1	1			2			1	1	2	1	12	145		191.00	443.00			
Committee on Supply		Olive.....	32	30				2						22	1	1	1	1	1	6	48		62.00	150.00	62		
Ministers, 29			Congregations. 40 6481 5279 3436 281 45 226 70 48 67 149 121 72 33 85 61 39 572 5846 3 \$16437.41 \$40597.76 386																								

CLASSICAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF WESTMORELAND CLASSIS, PITTSBURG SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S., FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 3, 1920.

MINISTER	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NAME OF CHARGE OR CONGREGATION	MEMBERS			BAPTISMS	ADDITIONS		LOSSES			Sunday Schools		Members of Young Peoples' Societies	Students for Ministry	CONTRIBUTIONS											
			Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed		Confirmed	By Certificate	Renewal of Profession	Dismissed	Names Erased	Deaths	Communicants			Deaths, Unconfirmed	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, Home Dept. & Cradle Roll Included	For Home Missions	Foreign Missions	For Education	For Other Benevolences	For Congregational Purposes			
						Infant								Adult													
1	J. F. Snyder	New Kensington	Retired																								
2	C. R. Ferner	Mt. Pleasant	Retired																								
3	J. Harvey Mickley, D. D.	Johnstown, Box 277	St. John's	1	434	315	244	6	1	8	6	4	11	13	6		1	35	314	83		526.00	719.00	40.00	1091.00	7012.00	
4	D. A. Souders, D. D.	Irwin	Supt. of Missions																								
5	S. B. Mase, D. D.		Retired																								
6	A. J. Heller, D. D.	Greensburg	Retired																								
7	C. L. Noss	Manor	First Reformed	1	256	206	96	6		15	7	3	4		1	1	23	201			208.00	211.00	20.00	298.00	2847.00		
8	C. L. Noss	Manor	Brush Creek	1	178	119	54	7	3	8	2		2	4	3		1	18	153			236.00	184.00	15.00	283.00	1362.00	
9	E. D. Bright	Youngwood	First Reformed	1	132	104	123	2		4	1		3	3	1	2	1	19	178			130.00	130.00		475.00	1279.00	
10	E. D. Bright	Youngwood	Harrold	1	136	121	60	5		5					1	2	1	15	84			88.00	84.00		250.00	1168.00	
11	L. D. Steckel	Greensburg	Retired																								
12	J. C. Bauman, D. D.	Lancaster	Prof. Theo. Sem																								
13	S. U. Waugaman	Yukon	Grace	1	107	68	105	8		10	1		2	9	2		1	16	157			64.00	64.00	7.00	97.00	757.00	
14	S. U. Waugaman	Yukon	Seano's	1	65	46	25	1		10	1		1	2	1	1	1	9	69			40.00	40.00	4.00	48.00	435.00	
15	E. S. Bromer, D. D.	Greensburg	Prof. Theo. Sem.																								
16	C. W. Summey	Apollo, Route No. 1	Without Charge																								
17	W. J. Muir	Mercersburg Academy	Without Charge																								
18	S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D.	Pleasant Unity	St. Paul's	1	191	156	160	15	4	13	1		9		3	1	1	21	170	31	1	169.00	166.00	25.00	215.00	1246.00	
19	S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D.	Pleasant Unity	St. Luke's	1	83	79	63	9	1	4	4	1	7	1	1	4	1	21	92			81.00	77.00	10.00	158.00	640.00	
20	Daniel Gress	Harrison City	Danmark-Manor	1	160	126	64	5		13	1	5	3	2	2		1	16	196			170.00	340.00		165.00	2150.00	
21	Daniel Gress	Harrison City	Harrison City	1	70	65	58	4		3		15	4	1	1	12	136					64.00	64.00		85.00	1180.00	
22	W. H. Landis	Derry	St. Paul's	1	143	119	82	3	3	5	6	1	5	3	5	2	1	19	180	9		83.00	83.00		144.00	2295.00	
23	R. V. Hartman	Salina	Salina	1	457	451	330	42	30	88	12	21	6	7	4	6	1	26	240	84		306.00	303.00	28.00	330.00	2026.00	
24	W. C. Sykes	Greensburg	Trinity	1	56	45	12	2				1					1	10	79			42.00	37.00	4.00	31.00	839.00	
25	W. C. Sykes	Greensburg	Third, Greensburg	1	151	128	110	7		12	7	2	2	8	1		1	19	252			447.00	83.00	9.00	104.00	785.00	
26	P. J. Dundore, Ph.D.	Latrobe	Christ	1	532	441	213	29	3	27	16	4	13	16	9	4	1	32	531	65		703.00	920.00	322.00	1342.00	4465.00	
27	J. C. Knable	Youngstown	Supply, 1st Greensburg																								
28	D. B. Laidy, D. D.	Greensburg	Grace	1	618	460	260	25	3	19	9	9	11	17	6	2	1	46	715	105		698.00	725.00	100.00	1386.00	9150.00	
29	J. M. Runkle, Ph.D.	Jeannette	1st Reformed	1	380	337	160	14	7	16	16	3	5	12	3	1	1	27	341	88		1414.00	300.00	56.00	14.00	9747.00	
30	B. A. Black	Irwin	Pine Run	1	116	99	52	6		1	5		8	3	1	1	1	14	110				83.00		8.00	949.00	
31	Samuel E. Lobach	Apollo, R. D. No. 1	Hungarian Ref.	2	261	210	30	38		12			6	4						38		100.00				2542.00	
32	A. Harsanyi	Uniontown	Trinity	1	137	87	64	3	3	10	4		3	4		1	1	19	157			109.00	110.00	14.00	123.00	2651.00	
33	E. H. Laubach	Scottdale	Trinity	1	168	110	20	4	3	8	2		16	1			1	14	99	20		157.00	156.00	14.00	317.00	1876.00	
34	E. H. Laubach	Scottdale	Zion	1	40	20	10						10				1	8	36			96.00	92.00	77.00	70.00	311.00	
35	Hugh S. Maxwell	Vandegrift	1st Reformed	1	250	200	74	12	2	9	8	3	9	9	2	2	1	19	234			219.00	216.00		660.00	3520.00	
36	A. S. Lenhart	Delmont	Trinity	1	168	135	56	6	2	4		4					2	14	115			142.00	144.00		106.00	1277.00	
37	A. S. Lenhart	Delmont	Grace	1	109	96	27	4	2	16	6		2				1	14	121			78.00	68.00		35.00	1500.00	
38	A. K. Kline	Trafford	Faith	1	59	32	33	7	1	1	4		2				2	10	51			49.00	55.00		36.00	4470.00	
39	F. C. Seitz, D. D.	Greensburg	2nd, Greensburg	1	440	311	115	9	1	17	11	6	8	1	2		1	19	223			705.00	725.00		1567.00	16819.00	
40	John D. Thomas, Ph.D.	Ruffsdale	Christ	1	172	140	48	6				10		4			1	18	91			129.00	127.00	12.00	13.00	573.00	
41	John D. Thomas	Ruffsdale	St. Luke's	1	37	23	11	1									1	8	96			30.00	30.00	8.00	25.00	220.00	
42	Vacant	Larimer	St. John's	1	201	120	143					5		3			1	20	303			27.00	7.00			774.00	
43	Vacant	Apollo R. D. No. 1	Olive	1	49	39	31	3	2	4		2	1	6			1	5	25			33.00	33.00			290.00	
44	Vacant	Mt. Pleasant	1st Reformed	1	170	110	40	2				9	45	2			1	17	160	24		300.00			415.00	1088.00	
45	Vacant	Mt. Pleasant	St. John's	1	68	42	20		5	5	1		6	6			1	13	75			22.00			160.00	388.00	
46	Vacant	Youngstown	Emanuel	1	64	62	39	2			6	3	16	10	1		1	6	42			179.00	179.00		23.00	216.00	
47	Vacant	Youngstown	Beulah																								
48	Vacant	Youngstown	St. John's	1	43	13	24	1	1	5	3		3				1	6	95			66.00	66.00		67.00	147.00	
49	Vacant	Johnstown	St. Pauls	1	145	129		2	5	10	1	2	4	3	3	1	1	21	24			148.00	162.00		261.00	2846.00	
50	Vacant	Export R. D. No. 1	Emanuel	1	257	199	148	10	1	10	3	1	4	7	6		1	21	265			240.00	230.00	22.00	418.00	2782.00	
51	Vacant	Export R. D. No. 1	Christ																								
52	Vacant	Greensburg	1st Reformed	1	1218	811	522	27	3	27	10	3	22	10	11	3	1	54	776	80	1	1702.00	2180.00	323.00	1771.00	6813.00	
53	Total	33	39		321	6519	3726	332	76	376	179	74	205	230	98	43	38	669	7186	627	2	\$9678.00	\$9415.00	\$1105.00	\$12591.00	\$107938.00	

Through such vicissitudes and changes has Westmoreland Classis passed since it was constituted "The Western Pennsylvania Classis," in 1819, especially since 1840. Bedford County was separated from it at an early day. Then in 1842, Erie Classis was taken off. In 1851 Clarion Classis was formed out of one end of it; and in 1871, it parted with a portion of its territory on the west to form, with a part of Clarion Classis the Allegheny Classis, and with another portion on the east to form the Somerset Classis. It has only three congregations now outside the Westmoreland County boundaries, two of them in Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa., and one in Connellsville, Fayette County, Pa. It has grown steadily through all these changes and divisions, and is now a strong, vigorous, ecclesiastical body. May it not become weary in well doing, but may its past achievements and present aggressiveness be but an earnest of larger and more successful work for men and the Master in the future.

Table of Year, Church and Place of Meetings, and Officers of Westmoreland Classis from 1840 to 1920

Year	Church	Place	President	Stated Clerk	Treasurer
1840	St. Paul's	Schellsburg	Rev. J. K. Denius	Rev. J. Althaus	Elder J. G. Miller
1841	Somerseset	Somerseset	Rev. W. Weinel	Rev. H. E. F. Voigt	Elder Peter Weiskopf
1842	Brush Creek	Adamsburg	Rev. N. P. Hacke	Rev. H. E. F. Voigt	Elder Peter Weiskopf
1843	St. John's	Mt. Pleasant	Rev. W. Conrad	Rev. H. G. Ibeken	Elder J. G. Miller
1844	Trinity	Berlin	Rev. N. P. Hacke	Rev. W. Conrad	Elder J. G. Miller
1845	Jacob's	Franze's Mill	Rev. W. Weinel	Rev. H. Knepper	Elder J. G. Miller
1846	St. John's	Churchville	Rev. H. E. F. Voigt	Rev. W. Conrad	Elder J. G. Miller
1847	Beam Church	Somerseset County	Rev. Saml. Miller	Rev. W. Conrad	Elder J. G. Miller
1848	St. Paul's	Pleasant Unity	Rev. N. P. Hacke	Rev. W. Conrad	Elder J. G. Miller
1849	Grace	Harmony	Rev. D. B. Ernst	Rev. L. D. Leberman	Elder J. G. Miller
1850	St. Paul's	Somerseset	Rev. H. Hoffman	Rev. L. D. Leberman	Elder M. Zimmerman
1851	St. John's	Grantsville, Md.	Rev. W. Conrad	Rev. S. H. Giesy	Elder M. Zimmerman
1852	Trinity	Salem	Rev. H. Knepper	Rev. S. H. Giesy	Elder M. Zimmerman
1853	Stoyestown	Stoyestown	Rev. C. F. Hoffmiller	Rev. S. H. Giesy	Elder M. Zimmerman
1854	St. John's	Ligonier	Rev. W. Conrad	Rev. G. B. Russell	Elder M. Zimmerman
1855	Trinity	Wellersburg	Rev. N. P. Hacke	Rev. G. B. Russell	Elder M. Zimmerman
1856	First Reformed	Berlin	Rev. W. Conrad	Rev. G. B. Russell	Elder P. Whitehead
1857	St. John's	Irwin	Rev. L. H. Kefauver	Rev. G. B. Russell	Elder P. Whitehead
1858	St. Paul's	Somerseset	Rev. N. P. Hacke	Rev. G. B. Russell	Elder P. Whitehead
1859	St. Paul's	Pleasant Unity	Rev. F. K. Levan	Rev. L. H. Kefauver	Rev. G. B. Russell
1860	Trinity	Centerville	Rev. R. P. Thomas	Rev. L. H. Kefauver	Rev. G. B. Russell
1861	St. John's	Salsburg	Rev. G. B. Russell	Rev. R. P. Thomas	Rev. G. B. Russell
1862	Sec. Reformed	Greensburg	Rev. N. P. Hacke	Rev. F. K. Levan	Rev. F. K. Levan
1863	U. P. Church	Latrobe	Rev. E. F. Jazbee	Rev. T. J. Barkley	Rev. J. A. Peters
1864	Trinity	Berlin	Rev. W. Conrad	Rev. T. J. Barkley	Rev. J. A. Peters
1865	College Chapel	Mt. Pleasant	Rev. G. H. Johnston	Rev. T. J. Barkley	Rev. J. A. Peters
1866	St. Paul's	Salem	Rev. J. F. Wagner	Rev. A. J. Heller	Rev. J. A. Peters
1867	Trinity	Berlin	Rev. T. J. Barkley	Rev. A. J. Heller	Rev. J. A. Peters
1868	Trinity	Irwin	Rev. A. E. Koplin	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. T. J. Barkley
1869	First Reformed	Berlin	Rev. G. H. Johnston	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. T. J. Barkley
1870	Trinity	Latrobe	Rev. Wm. Ruop	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1871	Christ	Salem	Rev. J. I. Swander	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1872	Trinity	Adamsburg	Rev. L. B. Leasure	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1873	Brush Creek	Pleasant Unity	Rev. J. W. Love	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1874	St. Luke's	Manor Dale	Rev. D. B. Lady	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1875	Emmanuel	Mt. Pleasant	Rev. J. M. Tittel	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1876	St. Peter's	Scottsdale	Rev. John McConnell	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1877	Trinity	Salem	Rev. Lucian Cort	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1878	Trinity	Boquet	Rev. S. Z. Dean	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1879	Denmark-Manor	Boquet	Rev. S. Z. Dean	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love

1880	Christ.....	LaTrobe	Rev. J. W. Love	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1881	St. Luke's	Pleasant Unity	Rev. C. R. Dieffen- bacher	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1882	Pine Run	Pine Run	Rev. B. B. Ferer	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1883	St. Peter's	Mt. Pleasant	Rev. John Dotterer	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1884	Trinity	Scottdale	Rev. Lucian Cort	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1885	Grace	Fenneltown	Rev. A. E. Truxal	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. J. W. Love
1886	First Reformed	Greensburg	Rev. E. H. Dieffen- bacher	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. H. S. Garner
1887	St. John's	Johnstown	Rev. H. S. Garner	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. H. S. Garner
1888	Trinity	Delmont	Rev. W. H. Bates	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. H. S. Garner
1889	Emmanuel	Manor Dale	Rev. C. R. Ferner	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Elder S. C. Rensburg
1890	First Reformed	Manor	Rev. J. N. Bowman	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Elder S. C. Rensburg
1891	St. Luke's	Pleasant Unity	Rev. C. M. Hartzell	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. C. R. Ferner
1892	Grace	Harrison City	Rev. N. H. Skyles	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. C. R. Ferner
1893	Grace	Jennett	Rev. D. N. Dittmer	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. C. R. Ferner
1894	First Reformed	Greensburg	Rev. S. H. Dietzel	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. C. R. Ferner
1895	Trinity	Delmont	Rev. J. H. Mickle	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. C. R. Ferner
1896	First Reformed	Mt. Pleasant	Rev. D. A. Souders	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. D. A. Souders
1897	Trinity	Scottdale	Rev. J. M. Evans	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. D. A. Souders
1898	St. John's	Johnstown	Rev. J. N. Bauman	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. D. A. Souders
1899	Christ	Ruffsedale	Rev. E. D. Meixell	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. D. A. Souders
1900	Trinity	Delmont	Rev. D. S. Stephan	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. D. A. Souders
1901	First Reformed	Irwin	Rev. T. S. Land	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. D. A. Souders
1902	Trinity	Greensburg	Rev. A. M. Schaffner	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. A. J. Heller
1903	Trinity	Scottdale	Rev. W. H. Tussing	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. A. J. Heller
1904	First Reformed	Vandergrift	Rev. C. E. Wagner	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. A. J. Heller
1905	Second Reformed	Greensburg	Rev. W. A. McClellan	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. A. J. Heller
1906	First Reformed	Irwin	Rev. S. L. Krebs and S. B. Mase	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. A. J. Heller
1907	First Reformed	Manor	Rev. U. C. E. Gutillus	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. A. J. Heller
1908	First Reformed	Greensburg	Rev. C. L. Noss	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. A. J. Heller
1909	St. Paul's	Johnstown	Rev. J. F. Sheetz	Rev. J. F. Snyder	Rev. A. J. Heller
1910	Trinity	Connellsville	Rev. E. B. Deatriek	Rev. W. J. Muir	Rev. A. J. Heller
1911	First Reformed	Mt. Pleasant	Rev. S. U. Wauruman	Rev. W. J. Muir	Rev. A. J. Heller
1912	St. Luke's	Pleasant Unity	Rev. E. S. Broner	Rev. W. J. Muir	Rev. A. J. Heller
1913	Emmanuel	Manor Dale	Rev. B. F. Main	Rev. W. J. Muir	Rev. W. J. Muir
1914	First Reformed	Irwin	Rev. E. D. Bright	Rev. W. J. Muir	Rev. W. J. Muir
1915	Trinity	Scottdale	Rev. H. N. Smith	Rev. S. H. Dietzel	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1916	Grace	Harrison City	Rev. Henry Obold	Rev. S. H. Dietzel	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1917	St. Paul's	Derry	Rev. Henry Ditzler	Rev. S. H. Dietzel	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1918	Christ	Ruffsedale	Rev. W. H. Landis	Rev. S. H. Dietzel	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1919	First Reformed	Greensburg	Rev. Daniel Gress	Rev. S. H. Dietzel	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1920	Trinity	Connellsville	Rev. Roy V. Hartman	Rev. S. H. Dietzel	Rev. W. C. Sykes

Men Ordained to the Ministry by Westmoreland Classis

1846	Benjamin Knepper	1882	A. A. Black
1848	John Carl Henneman	1885	C. R. Ferner
1850	H. F. Hartman	1885	C. M. Hartzell
1851	John Hoyman	1889	J. H. Mickley
1856	A. B. Koplin	1889	F. E. Lauffer
1857	George A. Fickes	1893	S. H. Dietzel
1858	J. Jacob Roemer	1893	J. N. Naly
1861	Henry Losch	1894	D. S. Stephan
1861	Jos. H. Johnson	1894	E. D. Meixell
1863	Cyrus Cort	1896	D. J. Wolf
1863	Geo. H. Johnston	1897	C. E. Wagner
1863	H. H. Hibschan	1899	W. S. Fisher
1864	John A. Peters	1900	W. A. McClellan
1864	W. A. Gring	1903	C. L. Noss
1865	A. J. Heller	1904	E. D. Bright
1867	H. F. Keener	1912	John C. Raezer
1871	A. C. Geary	1913	Edwin O. Marks
1872	F. C. Trap	1915	J. R. T. Hedeman
1872	J. B. Welty	1915	J. R. Shepley
1872	David B. Lady	1916	Walter Yingst
1877	J. W. Knappenberger	1917	S. E. Lobach
1879	B. B. Ferer	1917	E. R. Hoke
1881	S. H. Eisenberg	1918	I. G. Nace
1882	A. W. J. Best		

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

By Rev. E. D. Bright

LAWRENCE E. BAIR

Lawrence E. Bair, son of Joel and Ida (Ressler) Bair, was born at Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa., April 16th, 1884. He was educated at the Keystone State Normal School, 1902, Franklin and Marshall College, 1908, Eastern Theological Seminary, 1911; was licensed by East Susquehanna Classis, June 2nd, 1910; ordained by the same classis, July 5th, 1910; committee: Revs. C. B. Schneder, D. D., C. D. Kressley, and I. M. Schaef-fer. Pastorates: St. John's, Shamokin, Pa., (assistant) 1910-1913; Salem, Shamokin, Pa., 1913-1917; Trinity, Millersburg, Pa., 1917-1920; First Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., 1920. Rev. Mr. Bair was married June 6th, 1911, to Miss Sadie Starr. There are three children: Helen Maud, Laura Marie, and Lawrence Edgar.

RICHARD ALLEN BLACK



Richard Allen Black, son of William W. and Frances Mary (Allen) Black, was born in Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pa., early enough to be here for the centennial anniversary of the United States commemorating the signing of the declaration of independence; educated at Central State Normal School, Lockhaven, Pa., Mercersburg Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Juniata Classis, May 25th, 1903; ordained by Iowa Classis, Aug. 18th, 1903; committee: Revs. D. S. Fouse, D. D., S. C. Hoover, C. R. Stoudt, and C. C. Baumgartel. Pastorates: Lone Tree, Iowa, 1903-1908; Paradise, Louisville, Ohio, 1908-1914; First Reformed, Wilkesbarre, Pa., 1914-1917; First Reformed, Irwin, 1917..... Married Sept. 26th, 1905, to

Miss Myrtle Ellen Loehr, of Lone Tree, Iowa. Children: Margaret Ellen, Frances Marion, Florence Emma, James Allen, William Wallace, and Elizabeth Loehr. One child dead. Three times delegate to General Synod, twice president of Iowa Classis and once of Eastern Ohio Classis.

JOHN CALVIN BOWMAN

John Calvin Bowman, D. D., son of John and Elizabeth Bowman, was born near Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 15th, 1849; student at Chambersburg Academy, Mercersburg Preparatory School, Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa. He was ordained Nov. 12th, 1875. Pastorates: Shepherdstown, W. Va., 1875-1882; Emmanuel's Church, at Hanover, Pa., 1882-1890; elected by Potomac Synod Oct., 1890, as the first incumbent of Potomac Synod's Professorship—chair of New Testament Exegesis; installed May 12th, 1891. In 1904 he was elected as professor of Practical Theology, by Pittsburgh Synod; served as president of Theological Seminary at Lancaster since 1906; received degree of A. M. in 1874, and of D. D., in 1893—both from his alma mater. He had a great part of the work to do in raising funds for the Potomac Synod's professorship and a fellowship fund as well as for the seminary and library buildings and endowment of the seminary and the new dormitory and refectory.

EDWIN DAVID BRIGHT



Edwin David Bright, son of Amendon and Clara (Hain) Bright, was born at Bernville, Berks County, Pa., Aug. 16th, 1875; graduated from Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; was licensed by Lebanon Classis, May 27th, 1903; ordained by Westmoreland Classis, Oct. 9th, 1904, Revs. C. M. Hartzell and John Bair officiating at the ordination. Rev. Mr. Bright served the Derry con-

gregation from Aug. 1st, 1904, to Jan. 1st, 1910; and the Youngwood-Harrolds charge from Jan. 1st, 1910, to present date. On June 30th, 1914, Mr. Bright married Miss Mary Matilda Chambers, of which union two children have been born: William Chambers, and Mary Eleanor Bright.

EDWARD SHEPPARD BROMER

Edward S. Bromer, D. D., son of Albert and Catherine (Sheppard) Bromer, was born at Schwenksville, Montgomery County, Pa., March 19th, 1869; educated at Ursinus Academy, Ursinus College, 1890, Yale Divinity School, 1890-1893, with B. D. degree; Yale Divinity School for a year of post-graduate work, 1894; licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis, May 1st, 1894; ordained by Schuylkill Classis, July 9th, 1894: committee: Revs. W. H. Herbert, H. Leisse, O. H. Strunck and A. R. Bartholomew. Pastorate: Orwigsburg, Pa., 1894-1898; Tabor church, Lebanon, Pa., 1898-1905; First Greensburg, Pa., 1906-1920. In 1890 Mr. Bromer married Miss Flora Keeler Schwenk, of Collegeville, Pa. The names of the children are Edna, Henry Earl and Frances Catherine. Dr. Bromer has done a great deal of general church work which is spoken of in another place in this book. The membership of the First Reformed church, Greensburg, Pa., increased from 804 to 1218 during the term of his pastorate.

SAMUEL H. DIETZEL



Samuel H. Dietzel, Ph.D., son of John and Amelia Dietzel, was born near Tusseyville, Pa.; educated in Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; licensed May 16th, 1893, by West Susquehanna Classis; ordained by Westmoreland Classis and installed pastor of Pleasant Unity charge, June 29th, 1893. The following ministers officiated: Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., A. E. Truxal,

D. D., and D. A. Souders. He served the Pleasant Unity, Pa., charge, 1893-1896; Cavetown, Md., 1896-1902; Maytown, Pa., 1902-1909; Pleasant Unity, Pa., a second pastorate, 1909, to the present time. Married Miss Mary Frace Durst in 1894. Installed pipe organ and remodeled the church at Maytown. During his pastorate, erected the new church at Pleasant Unity; wrote a book, "*The Church Member*"; is stated clerk of Westmoreland Classis.

PAUL JONATHAN DUNDORE



Paul Jonathan Dundore, Ph.D., the son of Jonathan E. and Harriet (Naftsinger) Dundore, was born in North Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Pa., Dec. 24th, 1877; graduated from Kutztown Normal School, Grove City College, Eastern Theological Seminary; did post graduate work at Grove City College and in the University of Chicago; licensed by Lebanon Classis May 14th, 1902, and ordained to the Gospel ministry by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., in the Fetterhof Church, Armstrong Valley, Pa., June 1st, 1902. Served the Armstrong Valley charge 1902-1903; Palmyra, Campbeltown, Pa., 1903-1914; Latrobe, Pa., 1914..... Married to Miss Cora Elizabeth Holl in 1905. Received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Grove City College in 1915.

CHARLES R. FERNER

Charles R. Ferner, son of Valentine and Katherine Ferner, was born at Levensville, Somerset County, Pa., Feb. 22d, 1853; educated in the institutions at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed May, 1885, by Somerset Classis; ordained Sept., 1885, by Westmoreland Classis: committee: Revs. J. W. Love and H. S. Garner. Pastorates: Mt.



Pleasant, Pa., ten years and two months; Scottdale, Pa., eight years and six months; business manager of the Reformed Church Publication and Sunday School Board, three years and four months. In 1914, Rev. and Mrs. Ferner erected a cottage for St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Greenville, Pa., for children under six years of age at a cost of \$10,000, in memory of their son Harry Enos, accomodating about twenty-five children. In 1917 Rev. Charles R. Ferner and his wife, Mary Katherine, contributed a fund consisting of shares of preferred U. S. Steel Stock, common U. S. Steel Stock, Southern Pacific Railway Stock, and Baltimore and Ohio Railway Stock, the par value of which is \$80,700, for the further endowment of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Greenville, Pa.

DANIEL GRESS



Daniel Gress, son of Henry and Elizabeth Gress, was born Aug. 25th, 1872, near Pleasant Unity, Pa. He was educated at the Greensburg Seminary, Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in June, 1903; licensed by Lancaster Classis, May 19th, 1903; ordained by

West Susquehanna Classis, July 9th, 1903: committee: Revs. A. A. Black, and A. M. Schmidt, D. D. Pastorates: Penn Hall, Pa., seven years and seven months; Denmark-Manor, Pa., from Jan., 1911, to the present time. Married Feb. 22d, 1894, to Miss Lida B. Burd, who died Oct. 3d, 1894. Married to Miss Emma Black, Sept. 2d, 1903, who died Nov. 8th, 1910. Of this union three children were born: Margaret S., Sarah Elizabeth, and Dorothy Jane Gress. The last child died Jan. 12th, 1912. Rev. Mr. Gress was president of West Susquehanna Classis and of Westmoreland Classis, and was twice elected a delegate to the General Synod.

ANDOR HARSANYI



Andor Harsanyi, son of Rev. Dr. Alex. Harsanyi, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 30th, 1889; educated at the Franklin and Marshall Academy and the U. P. Seminary at Pittsburgh, Pa.; licensed by the Hungarian Classis of Pittsburgh, Dec. 6th, 1914; ordained by the same classis on the same date: committee:

Revs. Alexander Ludman, Gabriel Dokus, Sr., and Ladislaus Harsanyi. Pastorates: assistant pastor of Harlem Presbyterian Church, 1914-1915; Magyar Presbyterian Church, Alliance, Ohio, 1915-1918; assistant pastor of Homestead, Pa., Hungarian Church, Apr., 1918, to July 1918; Uniontown, Pa., Hungarian Reformed Church, July 18th, 1918..... Married Miss Vilma Makroczy, Feb. 23d, 1915. One child, Alex Harsanyi.

ROY VINCENT HARTMAN

Roy Vincent Hartman, son of Hiram S. and Mary (Miller) Hartman, was born in Alsace Township, Berks County, Pa., Apr. 4th, 1883. At the age of twelve he entered the Keystone State Normal School, and Ursinus College in 1902. After three years at this institution he entered the senior class of Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1906. He took the course in the Eastern Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1909. Mr. Hartman was licensed by Reading Classis, May 17th, 1909, and ordained by Clarion Classis, June 15th, 1909: committee: Revs. R. C. Bowling and J. M. Evans. Pastorates: Rimersburg, Pa., charge, four and one-half years; Salina, Pa., charge, seven years; married to Miss Estella C. Kaster, of Rimersburg, Pa., Aug. 20th, 1913. Two children: Philip Kaster and Hiram Vincent Hartman.



ANDREW J. HELLER, D. D.

Andrew J. Heller, son of Peter and Sarah (Sweinhart) Heller, was born at Hublersburg, Center County, Pa., Jan. 5th, 1837; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa.; licensed Jan. 25, 1855, by West Susquehanna Classis; ordained by Westmoreland Classis: committee: Revs.



B. Knepper, T. J. Barkley and G. H. Johnston. Pastorates: Beam's charge, Pa., four years and eight months; Mt. Pleasant, Pa., two years and three months; Conewago charge, Pa., nine years; Manor charge, Md., four years; Zion's, Somerset County, Pa., seven years and six months; Harmony and Evans City, Pa., four years; Connellsville, Pa., ten years. Married to Miss Anna M. Knepper, June 28th, 1866. Eight children: Cecil Emory, Clarence Nevin, Mary Roberta, Craig Hay, Paul Berkley, Ralph Stanley, Edna Hay, and Robert Dale. During his ministry Rev. Dr. Heller built five churches and two parsonages, and raised money to pay off debts that were resting on other congregations. He was stated clerk of Westmoreland Classis; stated clerk of Somerset Classis; president of Pittsburgh Synod; treasurer of Westmoreland Classis; director of St. Paul's Orphans' Home; trustee and treasurer of Pittsburg Synod; member of the Board of Home Missions; member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, of the Board of Education and of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg Academy.

ALPHA K. KLINE



Alpha K. Kline, son of John and Elizabeth (Knappenberger) Kline, was born at Boquet, Pa. He was educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Clarion Classis in 1876; ordained by the same classis. Pastorates: South Bend, Pa., charge, eight years; Wood-

stock, Va., eight years; St. Luke's, Braddock, Pa., ten years; city missionary for Pittsburgh district, five years, where he organized congregations at Duquesne, Homestead, Pitcairn, Homeville, and Ellwood City. He served Ellwood City as pastor for a time. Grove City, Pa., 1909-1914; Trafford City, Pa., 1919. Married Miss Sarah, daughter of Wm. and Susan (Harbaugh) Johnston, May 23d, 1877, who died June 4th, 1919.

J. C. KNABLE

J. C. Knable, son of Hiram and Joana Knable, was born at New Centreville, Somerset County, Pa., Feb. 27th, 1862, and read theology privately under the direction of Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxal. He was licensed to preach by Somerset Classis in May, 1908, at Frostburg, Md., and ordained in March, 1909, by a committee of Juniata Classis, consisting of Rev. J. A. Eyler, and G. D. Hetrick. The following pastorates represent his labors: Friend's Cove, Pa., 1909-1912; Wellersburg, Pa., charge, 1912-1914; Youngstown, Pa., charge, Westmoreland Classis, 1914-1919. In 1893 he married Miss Ella O'Boyle, of Kutztown, Pa. Miriam E. Knable is their only child.



A parsonage was built in the Friend's Cove charge and two churches remodeled during Rev. Mr. Knable's pastorate.

DAVID BRAINARD LADY

David Brainard Lady, D. D., son of Henry and Anna Margaret (Raffensberger) Lady, was born at Cash-town, Adams County, Pa., Jan. 28th, 1847; educated at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.; Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa. He was of the college class of 1869, and seminary, 1872; licensed by Zion's Classis, May, 1872; ordained by Westmoreland Classis, June 30th, 1872: com-

mittee: Revs. J. W. Love, J. I. Swander and W. E. Krebs. Pastorates: Mt. Pleasant charge, Pa., 1872-1878; Brush Creek, Pa., 1878-1884; New Castle, Pa., 1884-1885; Curllsville, Pa., 1885-1894; Shenango, Pa., 1894-1901; New Kensington, Pa., 1902-1905; Duquesne, Pa., 1905-1911; Yukon, Pa., 1914-1917; supplied churches at Washington, D. C., Berlin, Germany; McKeesport, Pa.; Wilkinsburg, Pa.; assistant pastor of First Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., 1919-1920; degree of D. D. from Franklin and Marshall College, 1893; author of "*History of St. Paul's Orphans' Home*," in 1917 and with six assistants, "*History of Pittsburgh Synod*," 1920; Synodical editor of the *Messenger* for Pittsburgh Synod, 1882-1897; president of classes and delegate to the General Synod, a number of times; member and secretary of General Synod's Sunday School Board, twenty-four years. Married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Overcash, March 31, 1871. Served as chairman of the endowment committee of Pittsburgh Synod; while in charge of McKeesport mission a church debt of over \$5,000 was paid.

WILLIAM HENRY LANDIS

William Henry Landis, son of Rev. William M. and Amelia Rebecca Landis, was born at Harmony, Butler County, Pa., Dec. 31st, 1866; studied at Franklin and Mashall Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa. West Susquehanna Classis licensed him May, 1893. Ordained June, 1893, by Rev. W. C. Schaffer, D. D., and Rev. Titus C. Strock, a committee from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod. Pastorates: Orbisonia, Pa., three years; Saxton, Pa., four years; Penbrook, Pa., one year; Mann's Choice, Pa., three years; Lockwood, Pa., five years; Fort Loudon, Pa., three years; Derry, Pa., seven years, since April 1st, 1913. Married to Miss Anna Winona White, Oct. 25th, 1899. Thomas Paul, William Harrold, and Kathryn Louise, are the children.



EDWIN HARTZELL LAUBACH



Edwin Hartzell Laubach, son of Abraham A. and Emma S. Laubach, was born in Williams Township, Northampton County, Pa., Nov. 7th, 1871; educated at Easton Academy, Lafayette College, and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis in 1896; ordained by Eastern Ohio Classis, Sept.

13th, 1896: committee: Revs. Aaron Noll and Harvey Kilmer. Pastorates: first, Warren, Ohio, June 19th, 1896; present pastorate, Scottdale, Pa., charge, began June 19th, 1918. Married to Miss Catherine R. Schout, March 23d, 1898. Two children: James A., and Katherine M. Laubach.

ALFRED SETH LENHART

Alfred Seth Lenhart, a son of Seth A. and Emma Catherine Lenhart, was born at Lyons, Berks Co., Pa., Sept. 26th, 1883; attended the public schools of Berks Co., Pa., Keystone Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., Inter State College and Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh; licensed Sept. 22, 1913, by Clarion Classis,



and ordained Oct. 2, 1913, by Clarion Classis: committee: Revs. D. W. Kerr, W. H. Kerschner, and H. S. Garner. Pastorates: South Bend, Pa., Oct. 2, 1913, to March 1, 1915; Rimersburg, Pa., March 1, 1915, to Sept. 1, 1917; Delmont, Pa., Jan. 1, 1919..... United in marriage to Bertha Mae Kreider, Oct. 6, 1914, at Reading, Pa. Their children are Paul Lester, Herbert Wellington, Mark Harland, and Miriam Louise.

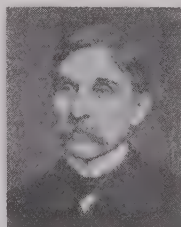
SAMUEL E. LOBACH



Samuel E. Lobach, the oldest son of Rev. Albert and Ada M. Lobach, was born at Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pa., on the 25th day of March, 1892. His early training was received in Tamaqua public schools; Franklin and Marshall College in 1911, and graduating in 1914, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1917. In May of the same year he was licensed by Schuylkill Classis; ordained by Westmoreland Classis on Oct. 28th, 1917; committee: Revs. James R. Shepley, R. Vincent Hartman, and Christian W. Summey. In conjunction with the Pine Run charge, he serves the Olive charge as stated supply. In the summer of 1919 a new church was built and dedicated free of debt at Olive. At present he is still serving his first charge.

SILAS B. MASE

Silas B. Mase, D. D., son of John and Mary Mase, was born at Massillon, Ohio, July 25th, 1848; was educated at Mt. Union College and the Reformed institutions at Tiffin, Ohio; licensed June, 1878, by Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio, and ordained by the same classis in Aug. 1878; committee: Revs. H. H. Sandoe and John S. Stoner. Pastorates: Tuscarawas charge, Ohio, nine years; Second, Greensburg, Pa., three years and three months; Uniontown, Ohio, five years; Second, Greensburg, Pa., twenty-two years and nine months. Married to Miss Ida C. Hassler, Aug., 1880, and to Miss Anna C. Sherrick, Oct., 1903. The five children are: Asa J., Mary C., Dr. Jesse, Ethel E., and Paul M. Mase. In 1902 he toured Palestine and neighboring countries.

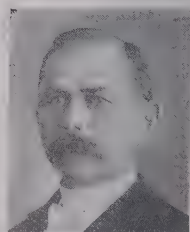


HUGH D. MAXWELL

Hugh D. Maxwell, son of John and Martha Maxwell, was born in Rutherglen, Scotland, Dec. 9th, 1881; educated in Scotland; licensed by Allegheny Classis May 19th, 1915; ordained by the same classis Sept. 6th, 1915: committee: Revs. A. H. Ginder, C. H. Faust, and J. M. Evans. Pastorates: Sugar Creek, Pa., 1915-1919; First Reformed church, Vandergrift, Pa., 1919..... Married to Miss Mary Jane Pollock, of Rutherglen, Scotland, June 12th, 1903. Five children: Charlotte, Mary, Martha, Margaret and John.

J. HARVEY MICKLEY

J. Harvey Mickley, D. D., is a descendent of the Huguenot, John Jacob Mickley, who arrived in Philadelphia Aug. 28th, 1733, and settled in Lehigh County, at a place now known as Mickley's. His son John Jacob Mickley, Jr., hauled the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to Allentown, Sept. 23d, 1777. John Jacob's brother, John Martin, served in the Revolutionary War. John Martin's son, Daniel, served in the War of 1812, and settled in Washington County, Md., 1820.



J. Harvey, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Stephey) Mickley, was born on a farm adjoining the home of Dr. Henry Harbaugh's father, near the Harbaugh Reformed church; educated at Franklin and Marshall Academy, 1881; Franklin and Marshall College, 1886; Eastern Theological Seminary, 1889; licensed May 14th, 1889, by Mercersburg Classis; ordained July 7th, 1889, by Westmoreland Classis: committee: Revs. C. R. Ferner, and Prof. Lucian Cort. Pastorates: Scottdale, Pa., 1889-1895; St. John's, Johnstown, Pa., since Sept. 1st, 1895. Stated clerk of Pittsburgh, since 1894; member of Board of Home Missions, 1911, recording secretary since 1913. The Hungarian and St. Paul's congregations of Johns-

town, were organized through his efforts, and he was instrumental in getting them places of worship. Rev. Mr. Mickley was married to Miss Hattie E. Miley, Feb. 11th, 1890, who died Aug. 29th, 1894.

WILLIAM JORDAN MUIR



William J. Muir, son of William and Elemina Muir, was born in Shinersville, Lehigh Co., Pa., Oct. 5th, 1861; educated by private tutors, at Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating from the latter, May, 1891; licensed by Lehigh Classis, May, 1891; and ordained by Schuylkill Classis, July 15th, 1891: committee: Revs. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., Geo. B. Walbert, and David Scheirer. Pastorates: Tremont, Pa., charge, 1891-1898; Paradise, Pa., charge, 1898-1900; Shenango, Pa., charge, 1900-1909; Scottdale, Pa., charge, 1909-1915; vice president of Allentown College for Women, for one year and a half; field secretary and instructor at Mercersburg Academy, 1917.

Rev. Mr. Muir was married to Miss Annie Minerva Wieder, June 25th, 1887. Three children: Mrs. C. B. Newcomer, Mrs. Chas. H. Loucks, and Wm. Nevin Muir. Rev. Muir built two churches and one parsonage; inaugurated the drive at Allentown for the College for Women, which netted over \$75,000, and pushed to a successful conclusion a building project at Mercersburg Academy involving an outlay of \$70,000.

ISRAEL GEORGE NACE

Israel G. Nace, son of George T. and Rebecca E. Nace, was born June 10th, 1892, at Marburg, Manheim Township, York County, Pa.; graduated from Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Gettysburg Classis May 15th, 1918; ordained by Westmoreland Classis, Aug. 1st, 1918:



committee: Revs. E. D. Bright, and A. W. Barley.
Pastorate: Connellsville, Pa., July 1st, 1918.....
Married to Miss Mary Rose Keifer, daughter of Rev. A. M.
and Rose (Welly) Keifer, May 23d, 1918. Children:
Elizabeth Nace, born Apr. 19th, died Apr. 27th, 1919, and
George William, born April 1st, 1920.

CHARLES LEWIS NOSS



Charles L. Noss, the son of Rev. John C. and Isabel H. Noss, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 29th, 1876. Shortly afterward the family moved to Carroll County, Maryland, residing for seven years at Westminster, and eleven years at Silver Run, later moving to Lancaster County, Pa. For a time he attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa. He finished his college preparatory work under Dr. W. E. Krebs, at Littlestown, Pa., and at Franklin and Marshall Academy; graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1900, and from Eastern Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., in 1903. Was licensed by the Classis of Lancaster, meeting at Hummelstown, Pa., May 19th, 1903; began pastorate of the Brush Creek charge, Westmoreland County, Pa., Oct. 1st, 1903; was ordained and installed as pastor November 23d, 1903, by a committee of Westmoreland Classis, consisting of Revs. J. Nevin Bauman and D. A. Souders. This charge up to the present time has been his only pastorate. Feb. 10th, 1904, was married to Miss Irene T. Martzall, of Lancaster, Pa. To them have been born three daughters, viz: Emma Margaret, Edith Elizabeth, and Mary Catherine. For four years, Rev. Mr. Noss served as treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod, and for a number of years has been a director of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, and is at present treasurer of that institution.

JAMES MCCLELLAN RUNKLE

James McClellan Runkle, Ph.D., son of Hon. John R. Runkle and his wife Lucinda (Geary) Runkle, was born in Potter Township, Center County, Pa.; educated at Spring Mills Academy, Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., in the class of 1893, after which he spent one year at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., post graduate course in Oskaloosa College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, from which institution he received the degree of Ph.D. in 1913; licensed by West Susquehanna Classis, May 17th, 1893; ordained by Carlisle Classis June, 1893; committee: Revs. W. H. Groh, Samuel N. Callander, D. D., and J. David Miller. Pastorates: St. Paul's, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 1893-1896; Nitany Valley, Pa., 1896-1900; St. John's, Williamsport, Pa., 1900-1908; Church of the Incarnation, Newport, Pa., 1908-1915; Grace Church, Jeannette, Pa., 1915. Married to Miss Lydia G. Shriver, Sept. 25th, 1894. Their children are Sara Katheryn and Mary Edna.



FREDERICK C. SEITZ



Frederick C. Seitz, D. D., son of Adam D. and Anna Maria Seitz, was born at Hametown, York County, Pa., March 15th, 1870; educated at Millersville State Normal School, Palatinate College, Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 16th, 1898, by Zion's Classis; ordained June 26th, 1898, by East Susquehanna Classis; committee: Revs. J. Calvin Leinbach and Simon P. Brown. Pastorates: Millersburg, Pa., one year; Littlestown, Pa., three years; Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa., three years; St. John's Al-

lentown, Pa., fifteen years; Second Greensburg, Pa., since June 15th, 1919. Married Miss Lottie A. Campbell, June 8th, 1898. One son, Dean Campbell Seitz.

LEWIS D. STECKEL

Lewis D. Steckel, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Frantz) Steckel, was born Jan. 2d, 1839, in North Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pa.; educated at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., and Mercersburg Theological Seminary; licensed by Mercersburg Classis in the spring of 1867. On Sept. 29th, 1867, Lancaster Classis ordained him: committee: Revs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, John S. Wolfe, W. T. Gerhart, and Prof. W. M. Nevin. Pastorates: Millersville, Pa., one year and six months; Huntingdon, Pa., three years and six months; Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., one year and six months; Myersdale, Pa., eight years; Womelsdorf, Pa., two years and six months; Pottsville, Pa., three years. Mifflinburg, Pa., five years; Lykens, Pa., twelve years; Harrold's, Pa., five years. Retired Oct. 3d, 1909. Married to Miss Barbara Peters, April 13th, 1869. Martha B., Frances E., Mary, and Abraham P., are the children.



JACOB FREDERICK SNYDER



Jacob F. Snyder, son of Jacob and Mary (Marchand) Snyder, of Franklin Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., was born March 24th, 1834; educated at Salem Academy, Heidelberg College and Mercersburg Theological Seminary; licensed Oct., 1863, by the Eastern Synod, convened at Lancaster, Pa.; ordained by Clarion Classis, May, 1864: committee: Revs. Jos. H. Apple, J. G. Shoemaker, and J. S. Shade. Pastorates: Kittanning charge,

Pa., two years; Salem-Emmanuel, Pa., thirty-seven years; Salina, Pa., ten years; Olive, as supply, four years. Stated clerk of Westmoreland Classis, forty years. At the dedication of the Court House at Greensburg, Pa., he opened the service with the invocation and prayer. Married Miss Anna Mary Kline, of Delmont. in 1872. Children: Nevin Harbaugh, Joseph Leasure Kline, and Jacob Frederick Marchand Snyder.

PAUL TOBIAS STONESIFER

Paul Tobias Stonesifer, son of Rev. James Buchanan and Martha Tobias Stonesifer, was born in Winchester, Va., Feb. 6th, 1896, and was educated in Massanutten Academy, graduating in 1913; Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1917, and in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating in 1920. He was licensed by Virginia Classis, the latter part of May, 1920, and ordained by Westmoreland Classis, June 30th, 1920, the committee of ordination being: Revs. A. J. Heller, D. D., Wm. C. Sykes, S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D., and Elder D. B. Fisher. Rev. Mr. Stonesifer was at the same time installed pastor of the Mt. Pleasant charge.



DAVID AARON SOUDERS

David Aaron Souders, D. D., a son of David and Hannah (Fisher) Souders, was born at Reading, Pa., Jan. 8th, 1856. He has four generations of Reformed ancestry back of him. He was educated at Oley Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Lebanon Classis, at Reading, May, 1886. Maryland Classis, at Union Bridge, Md., ordained him, July 11, 1886, through a committee consisting of Revs. N. H. Skyles, S. S. Miller, and A. B.



Stoner. Pastorates: Union Bridge, Md., 1886-1891; Irwin, Pa., 1891-1903. Married Jane H. Remsburg, Jan. 21, 1904. David Paul and Carlton Remsburg, are their two sons. Dr. Souders became superintendent of Home Missions for the Pittsburgh and Ohio Synods, July, 1903, and superintendent of the immigrant department of the Board of Home Missions, May, 1914.

CHRISTIAN WAGONER SUMMEY



Christian Wagoner Summey, son of Samuel and Catherine Summey, was born in Knobsville, Fulton County, Pa., Apr. 29th, 1850; educated in the public schools, in which he taught for a number of years; Mercersburg College, 1875; Eastern Theological Seminary, 1882. He was licensed by Virginia Classis at Middlebrook, Va., May 20th, 1882; ordained July 10th, 1883, at Timberville, Va. Pastorates: Timberville, Va., 1883-1885; Greenville charge, Pa., 1885-1891; Pine Run, Pa., 1891-1893; Pine Run-Salina charge, 1893-1900; Eddyville, Pa., 1900-1904; Friend's Cove, Pa., 1904-1908; Pine Run, Pa., second pastorate, 1908-1916. Since 1916, retired and doing supply work. Married to Miss Sue Crum, of South Bend, Pa., Oct. 14th, 1886.

WILLIAM C. SYKES

William C. Sykes, son of Rev. John H. and Fayette Sykes, was born in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Feb. 12th, 1868; educated at Allentown High School, Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 17th, 1893, by Lehigh Classis; ordained July 16th, 1893, by Maryland Classis; committee: Revs.



T. F. Hoffmeier, A. Conner and H. W. Hoffmeier. Pas-

torates: Burkettsville, Md., eight years; Berlin, Pa., ten years; Jefferson, Md., two years; South Greensburg, Pa., since 1914. Married Oct. 16th, 1894, to Miss Clara H. Krauskop. One child, Fayette Sykes.

JOHN D. THOMAS

John D. Thomas, Ph.D., a lineal descendant of Rev. William Thomas, who emigrated from England in 1713, and settled near Philadelphia, Pa., is the son of Daniel and Sarah Thomas, and was born in Washington Township, Lehigh County, Pa., Oct. 12th, 1856. He was educated in the common schools, Weaversville Academy, Muhlenburg College, and in Heidelberg College and Seminary, graduating in College in 1882, and then taking the regular course in the seminary. He was licensed by Tiffin Classis, Ohio Synod, and ordained in 1887, by St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, the committee being Revs. Jos. H. Apple, D. D., F. B. Hahn and A. A. Black. His first charge was the Cochranon charge, in Crawford Co., Pa., where he labored nine and one-half years. His other pastorates were: Bettsville and Germantown, Ohio, two and one-half years; Bloomsburg, Pa., twelve and one-half years, the Manor charge, Md., nine years and three months; Ruffsedale, Pa., since April 1st, 1920.



Dr. Thomas was married to Miss Louisa P. Steiner, of Tiffin, Ohio, in 1886. There are no children. He taught school a number of terms in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin, and holds a permanent certificate as a teacher from Pennsylvania; did post graduate work in his alma mater for his Ph.D. degree and is the author of a book just from the press entitled "*The School Child*," published by I. M. Beaver, Reading, Pa. He served as president of St. Paul's and Wyoming Classes.

SIMON URIAH WAUGAMAN



Rev. Simon Uriah Waugaman, son of Hezekiah and Catherine (Lauffer) Waugaman, was born near Harrison City, Pa., Feb. 5th, 1861; graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1889, and from the Eastern Theological Seminary, 1892; licensed by Westmoreland Classis May 26th, 1892; ordained by Juniata Classis

June 25th, 1892: committee: Revs. J. F. Moyer, A. S. Glessner, and Chas. S. Stover. Pastorates: Greenfield, Pa., 1892-1903; Curlsville, Pa., 1903-1905; Youngwood, Pa., 1905-1909; Emmanuel's charge, Pa., 1909-1915; Scottdale, Pa., 1915-1918; Yukon-Seanors, Pa., since March 17th, 1918. Married to Miss Emma Highberger, June 16th, 1892. Children: John Nevin, Simon Hezekiah, and Stanley Merle. President of Juniata Classis, Westmoreland Classis, and Pittsburg Synod.

CONGREGATIONS

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, GREENSBURG

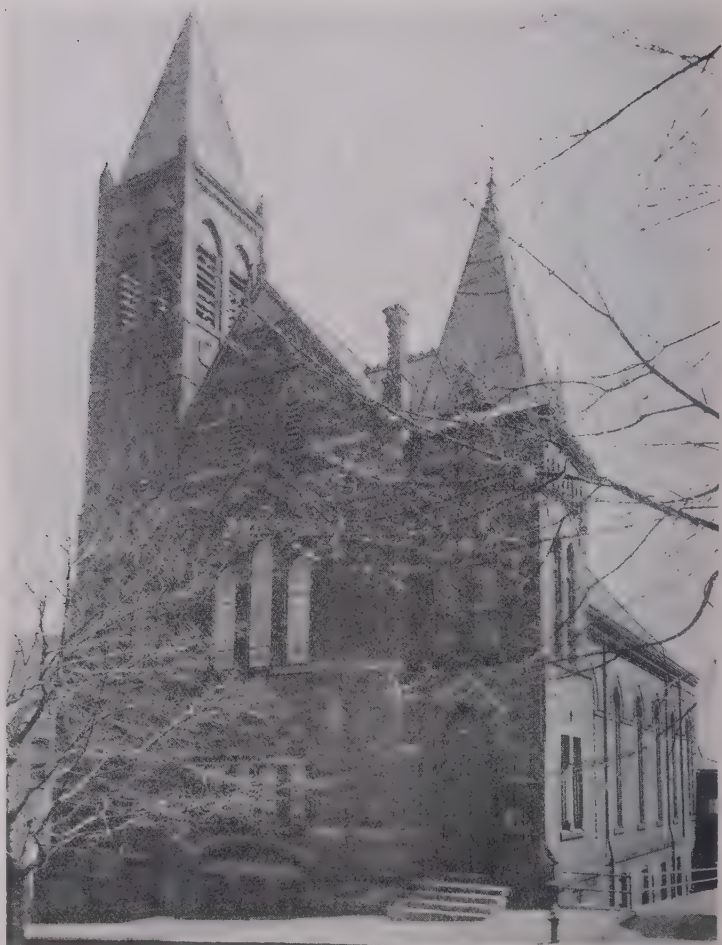
The Reformed and Lutheran people who had worshipped in Harrold's Church and elsewhere, up to this time, built a log church on the corner of third and main streets, in Greensburg, in 1796. The first Reformed communion was held by Pastor J. W. Weber, April 22nd, 1796. Simon Drum, John Turney, Jacob Barnhart, Jacob Buergy, William Barnhart, Daniel Turney, Michael Truby, Peter Barnhart, Susanna Drum, Anna Barnhart, Magdalena Huber, Catherine Mechling, Maria Myers, Anna Maria Walter, Catherine Silvis, Susanna Turney, Elizabeth Sourer, and Elizabeth Barnhart came to the table of the Lord on this occasion.

In 1815 a large brick church was begun a short distance north of the log church, but was not completed until late in 1819. This building cost between \$5000 and \$6000. In 1822 the Reformed people bought the Lutheran's interest in the old log church and built the parsonage on its site. Five congregations joined in building the parsonage: Harrold's, Brush Creek, St. Paul's, Greensburg, and Denmark-Manor.

In 1879, after the death of Dr. Hacke, the Harrold's and Greensburg congregations bought the interest of the other three congregations in the parsonage for \$3750. Later, they sold the property to Paul H. Hacke for \$6000.

On the 26th of August, 1881, the Reformed congregation sold its interest in the Union Church to the Lutherans for \$5025, and bought lots from Jacob Turney on the corner of Third Street and Maple Avenue, about a stone's throw from the old site, for \$5000, upon which they erected a large brick church and parsonage, in 1882, at a cost of about \$40,000. These buildings have been in use as the pastor's residence, and the house of worship since that time.

At the first communion nineteen persons received the



FIRST REFD. CHURCH, GREENSBURG, PA.

communion. In 1876 the communicant membership was 250. In 1900 it was 649. In 1920, after the Easter communion, there were 1,222 on the roll.

Pastors

John William Weber.....	1796—1816
Henry N. B. Habliston.....	1816—1819
Nicholas P. Hacke.....	1819—1877
C. R. Dieffenbacher.....	1878—1900
Stanley L. Krebs.....	1901—1906
Edward S. Bromer.....	1906—1920
Lawrence E. Bair.....	1920—

Assistant Pastors

John R. T. Hedeman.....	1914—1916
David B. Lady.....	1919—1920

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, IRWIN, PA.

The First Reformed Church of Irwin, Pa., was organized Jan. 1st, 1853, by Rev. S. H. Giesey. The charter members are: Joseph, Fanny, Elizabeth and Cyrus Cort; Samuel and Susannah Perkins; Jacob and Anna Hershey; Albert, Luther and Amanda Cort; and John and Mary Wigle. The first consistory was: Elders: Jacob Hershey, Sr., and Joseph Cort; Deacons: Samuel Perkins and John Wigle. The first building was dedicated June 1st, 1854; the dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. B. Russell, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The corner stone of the present building was laid Sept. 24, 1889; ministers present: Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Lucian Cort, N. H. Skyles, and J. F. Snyder. Rev. F. Pilgrim was the pastor, during the erection of the building, but resigned before it was completed and the building was dedicated in 1890, during the pastorate of Rev. D. A. Souders. Rev. C. U. Heilman preached the dedicatory sermon. During the sixty-seven years of the congregation's existence about 1500 persons have been received as communicant members. Two church buildings and two parsonages have been erected and paid for. Three men from the congregation have entered the ministry: Revs. Cyrus Cort, D. D., R. C. Bowling, D. D. and J. I. Lauffer. The congregation has entertained

Pittsburgh Synod twice, and Westmoreland Classis a number of times. The congregation has given five Church Building Funds to the Board of Home Missions within the last ten years, has always paid its apportionment in full, and has always held a place of leadership in the community. In 1919 the church was remodeled and improved at the cost of over \$7000. The present membership is 380.

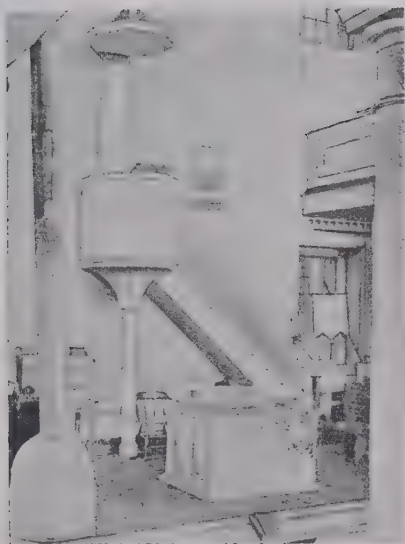
Present consistory is: Elders: C. H. Datz, H. P. Kunkle, L. K. Wigle, H. D. Hershey; Deacons: D. J. Marsh, James Coles, W. H. Reynolds, A. G. Carlson, Frank Hershey, W. G. Kintigh, James Hughes and J. Ralph Eisaman.

PASTORS:—Rev. S. H. Giesey.....	1853—1855
Rev. T. G. Apple.....	1856—1857
Rev. L. H. Kefauver.....	1857—1861
Rev. H. W. Super.....	1862—1865
Rev. Geo. H. Johnston.....	1866—1867
Rev. T. J. Barkley.....	1867—1870
Rev. W. E. Krebs.....	1870—1872
Rev. J. M. Titzel.....	1873—1879
Rev. A. E. Truxal.....	1880—1887
Rev. F. Pilgrim.....	1887—1890
Rev. D. A. Souders.....	1890—1904
Rev. U. C. E. Gutelius.....	1904—1910
Rev. Howard Obold.....	1910—1917
Rev. B. A. Black.....	1917—

YOUNGWOOD-HARROLD'S CHARGE

Harrold's, or St. John's Congregation.

The Harrold's congregation is considered the mother of Reformed churches in Westmoreland County. Its real beginning is shaded by the years of unwritten traditions. People holding the Reformed faith, took up land in this locality, as early as 1760. It seems that they gathered together for the purpose of worship, in which they were led by the school-master of the community. He acted as instructor of the youth in school and in the catechism. He would read printed sermons at stated times and officiate at funerals and baptisms. Balthazer Myer was the first school-master that has left a record, but we need not hold that he was the first one to occupy that position.



OLD HARROLD'S (UNION) CHURCH—INSIDE VIEW



OLD HARROLD'S (UNION) CHURCH--OUTSIDE VIEW



NEW HARROLD'S REFD. CHURCH

His first baptism was recorded Aug. 2d, 1772. The first regular pastor was Rev. John William Weber, June, 1783. In 1785 a warrant was taken out for 158 acres of land for church and school purposes, to be owned by the Lutheran and Reformed congregations. In 1793 about two-thirds of this land was sold for sixty pounds sterling. The remaining fifty acres were to be used for church and school purposes by the two congregations till the "end of the world."

The first building erected was a log schoolhouse and sometime later, a dwelling was added, as a home for the school-master. Just at what date the first church was erected is not known, but in 1794 extensive repairs were made, which would imply that it was erected a good many years before that time. Tradition has it, that a log church was begun and raised up to the first story, but, owing to Indian troubles and other difficulties, the work was abandoned for some years. This church was completed in pioneer fashion. There was but one door, the floor was of puncheons, hewn logs were used for seats and there was a gallery on three sides. There were a number of small windows that usually needed glass. On the 28th of May, 1829, the corner stone of the next edifice was laid. The next year this splendid structure was dedicated to Almighty God. It was a large stone building with a door at each gable, high and straight-back pews, a gallery on three sides, and a high, "wine glass" pulpit, with the time-honored sounding board above it. The cemetery along side the church is generally supposed to be the oldest in Westmoreland County. In this old burial ground repose the remains of many of the first settlers who had come here from the east, taken up tracts of wild land, enduring many of the hardships of pioneer life, and in constant danger of being massacred by the Indians who were yet numerous at that time in this vicinity. Around this church and cemetery there seems to hang a peculiar sacredness. It is isolated and undisturbed by the hum of industry. Here rest the fathers and forefathers of the

present occupants of the land. The same names are familiar now that were among the first to obtain patents for the land.

The second or stone church had become old. The Reformed congregation had bought the share of the Lutheran congregation and had worshipped in this structure for a number of years, when they decided to build a more modern structure, and now referred to the stone church as the "Old Stone Church." On April 24th, 1892, they assembled to worship for the last time in that building and named it the "Farewell Service." Rev. C. R. Diefenbacher, D. D., preached the sermon; and the sermon and music were suitable to the occasion. There was sadness in the thought that the sacred relic should be destroyed, and there was gladness in the knowledge that the congregation had prospered to the degree that it was able to build a modern house of worship.

The walls of the stone church were removed and when they came to the corner stone there was great interest to see the contents. It had been closed for about sixty-three years. There was a report that many articles had been placed there and that among them were the Bible, Catechism, roll of members, a bottle of wine and a coin of every value, then in use, even including a twenty-dollar gold piece. Some expected to find valuable papers pertaining to the early church history, but in this they were disappointed. There was no money, no papers and little of the Bible left. The one thing that survived was the bottle of wine, which was declared to have retained its quality throughout the more than three score years. Captain Goodlin said that his grandfather always stated that the gold piece was enclosed. The living representatives of that day, as well as the traditions, say that the money was enclosed and expected to remain there, but that in some way it must have been stolen from the stone without arousing the suspicion of anyone. Bernard Thomas and Jacob Haines had been the building committee of the stone church. The members were anxious to have the new structure ready for the corner stone laying on May 28th,

1892. This was not accomplished, for this event took place July 16th, 1892. This church, which is built of brick, was dedicated May 21st, 1893, Dr. A. E. Truxal preaching the sermon. The cost, without counting the hauling and labor given free, was \$8500.

This congregation has never lost its vigor. It remains earnest and ready to do its share in the work for the common good. The membership does not increase much for the withdrawals about balance the accessions. It is a farming community and the young people seek employment in the city. But enough remain to maintain the standard of the former days. Its members have gone forth to be the nuclei of a number of other churches. The most notable ones are First and Second Greensburg, Jeannette, and Youngwood.

Even though the congregation has had a long life, there have been but few pastors. One pastorate lasted for fifty-eight years. The ministers that served this congregation are:

Rev. John Wm. Weber.....	1783—1816
Rev. H. N. B. Habliston.....	1816—1819
Rev. N. P. Hacke.....	1819—1877
Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher.....	1878—1889
Rev. M. H. Mill.....	1890—1891
Rev. I. N. Berger.....	1891—1895
Rev. H. S. Garner.....	1897—1904
Rev. L. D. Steckel.....	1904—1909
Rev. E. D. Bright.....	1910—

The present membership is 134. The Elders are: F. M. Wible and U. S. Grant Wentzell; Deacons: Joseph Henry, Israel Henry, Joseph Cope and James Jordan.

First Reformed

The First Reformed Church of Youngwood, Pa., was organized June 16, 1901, by Rev. H. S. Garner and Rev. S. B. Mase. The early membership and communion roll is as follows: W. H. Stairs, Mary A. Stairs, C. N. Stairs, Mrs. C. N. Stairs, E. N. Truxel, H. G. Truxel, L. L. Lowe, Sara Lowe, Mary E. Fiscus, C. H. Harrold, Emma C. Harrold, Ada C. Harrold, Ivy M. Harrold, Mary E. Harrold, G. Lyman Harrold, Silas M. Kunkle, Harriet Kunkle, Mary A. Snyder, Minnie Kimmell, G. J. Carroll, Mrs. G.

J. Carroll, C. G. Frey, Mrs. C. G. Frey, John Wentzell, Albert Eisaman.

The first Elder was C. H. Harrold and the first Deacons were S. M. Kunkle and E. N. Truxel.

The corner-stone was laid Nov. 24, 1901, when Rev. J. N. Bauman and Rev. A. M. Schaffner were the visiting ministers. On June 29, 1902, Rev. H. S. Garner dedicated the new church. The ministers that assisted in these services were Rev. W. H. Tussing, Rev. O. H. Strunck, Rev. S. B. Mase, and Rev. J. N. Bauman.

The cost of the church and furnishings was about \$4000.00

Rev. H. S. Garner served this congregation as a supply pastor until 1903; Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, July 15, 1903 to Dec., 1904; Rev. S. U. Waugaman, Aug. 13, 1905, to Sept. 1, 1909; Rev. Edwin D. Bright, Jan. 1, 1910.

The present membership is 135. This congregation has a parsonage that was built while Dr. Dieffenbacher was pastor. The congregation is free of debt. The present Elders are: L. L. Lowe, and J. M. Ross. The Deacons are W. H. Crock, A. L. Slick, Ira Harrold, M. G. Burkholder, and E. N. Truxel.

THE PLEASANT UNITY CHARGE

The Pleasant Unity Charge is composed of two congregations—*St. Paul's near Trauger, Pa., and the St. Luke's, at Pleasant Unity, Pa.*

St. Paul's Church.

St. Paul's is one of the oldest congregations in Westmoreland Classis. The beginning is not definitely known, but it was in existence prior to 1782, when Rev. John W. Weber came to this field. The early settlers were mostly from Northampton County and among them were Father Weber's kindred with whom he lived after his arrival here. Mr. Fiskey of this congregation moved Weber's belongings to this place; here Rev. Weber also preached his first sermon. The early church records are lost; about 1850 the number of communicants was 63, while the present number is 201. The present house of

worship was erected in 1902, under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. McClellan. The church was dedicated Jan. 12th, 1903, Rev. A. E. Truxal preaching the dedicatory sermon.

St. Paul's was served by the following pastors:—Rev. John W. Weber, 1782-1816; Rev. Henry Habliston, 1816-1819; Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D., 1819-1864; Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., 1864-1869; Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., 1869-1872; Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., 1872-1878; Rev. B. B. Ferer, D. D., 1878-1884; Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, 1884-1892; Rev. S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D., 1893-1896; Rev. H. S. Garner, 1897-1900; Rev. W. A. McClellan, 1900-1909; Rev. S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D., 1909.....

Four of her sons entered the ministry, viz:—Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., W. E. Ludwick, W. S. Fisher and Daniel Gress. The present Elders are H. A. Fisher and S. F. Nichols; Deacons—J. G. Hartzell, L. B. Fisher, George S. Fry and H. E. Marks.

St. Luke's Congregation.

St. Luke's was organized by Rev. C. C. Russell, June 5, 1862. The first Elders were: John Weaver and Adam Bair; Deacons: Dr. Thomas H. Brinker, George A. Bair, Henry Smith and Henry Gress. There were 44 charter members. The present membership is 89. The list of charter members was:—Adam Bair, John Weaver, John Welty, George Fisher, George Barnhart, Jacob Perkins, Thomas H. Brinker, M. D., George A. Bair, Henry Smith, Jr., John Fiscus, John P. Fiscus, Jacob H. Huffman, Charles Fiscus, Henry Gress, Henry Herr, John A. Fisher, M. S. Fisher, John Helm, Jacob Huffman, Adam G. Bair, George Fisher (son of Adam), Lydia Hegan, Mary Long, Catherine Long, Catherine Perkins, Elizabeth Welty, Hetty J. Fisher, Margaret Brinker, Elizabeth Fisher, Sarah Fisher, Mary M. Helm, Polly Ann Bair, Sarah Bair, Susan Bair, Polly Weaver, Lavina Smith, Lydia Fiscus, Rachel Fiscus, Hannah Huffman, Catherine Gress, Florina Gress, Catherine Herr, Hannah Rumbaugh, Mary E. Stuart, Susan Bair, Mary C. Armel.

The present Church building was erected in 1912 and 1913. Rev. S. B. Mase, D. D., preached the sermon at



CHRIST REFD. CHURCH, LATROBE

the corner stone laying, Sept. 22, 1912. The dedication took place, June 29, 1913. Rev. Lewis Robb, D. D., preached the sermon.

Two sons of this congregation entered the Christian ministry:—Rev. T. F. Stauffer, and Rev. Jacob B. Welty.

The following ministers served St. Luke's:—Rev. C. C. Russel, 1862-1864; Rev. E. D. Shoemaker, 1864-1867; Rev. C. C. Russel, again 1867-1870; Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., 1870-1878; Rev. B. B. Ferer, D. D., 1878-1884; Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, 1884-1892; Rev. S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D., 1893-1896; Rev. H. S. Garner, 1897-1900; Rev. W. A. McClellan, 1900-1909; Revs. S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D., again, 1909.....

The present Consistory consists of the following:—Elders: S. P. Truxal, J. H. Welty; Deacons: D. L. White, J. R. Gress, J. J. Rush and C. L. Poorman.

CHRIST REFORMED CONGREGATION, LATROBE, PA.

As early as 1855 some Reformed families moved to this borough from various parts of the church. These, together with some members of the Youngstown congregation living in the vicinity, desired an organization. Rev. C. C. Russel visited the field and held the first Reformed service in Latrobe. A petition asking for the organization of a congregation was presented to the Classis of Westmoreland on Sept. 23, 1860. The petition was granted and the organization effected. The Latrobe charge then was composed of the Latrobe, Ligonier, Youngstown and Pleasant Unity congregations. Rev. C. C. Russel retired from the Latrobe charge in 1864. Rev. E. D. Shoemaker served the charge from 1864 to 1867. Rev. H. F. Keener served as pastor from 1867 to 1869. During the fruitful pastorate of Rev. Keener a splendid church edifice was erected on Main street. The Latrobe congregation was detached from the other congregations during Rev. Keener's pastorate.

Rev. J. I. Swander served the charge from 1870 to 1879.

During Dr. Swander's pastorate the Youngstown, Pleasant Unity and Ligonier congregations were again a part of the Latrobe charge.

Rev. G. D. Gurley served the congregation from 1878 to 1880. Again the outlying congregations were detached and the Latrobe congregation was constituted a mission.

Rev. H. S. Isenberg served the mission from 1880 to 1884.

Rev. C. M. Hartzell served the congregation from 1885 to 1913. Rev. Hartzell ministered to this congregation for a period of 28 years. His efforts were crowned with great success. He labored earnestly and the people responded nobly to his consecrated and wise leadership. He was zealous in the work of the Kingdom and labored abundantly in fields outside of his immediate parish. In 1885 he organized and built a church for what is known as the Beulah congregation. St. John's congregation was organized by him and a house of worship built in 1887. Under the direction of the Classis of Westmoreland he organized St. Paul's congregation at Derry, Pa., and built a house of worship which was dedicated in 1892. In 1894 Beulah and St. John's congregation were detached from the Latrobe charge. The Latrobe charge then consisted of the Latrobe and Derry congregations. The Derry congregation was detached from the Latrobe charge in 1904. In 1902 the present splendid church edifice was dedicated to the worship of the Triune God. The ministry of Rev. Hartzell was blessed with rich fruit. Unto this day his influence still lives and his works remain fragrant with the Christly spirit he manifested in his labors.

Rev. Paul J. Dundore, Ph.D., entered upon the pastorate of the Latrobe congregation in 1914. The congregation numbers 520. The people are loyal to every cause of the church and after many years of hardship and struggle the congregation has risen to a position of power and influence in the church.

The present Consistory consists of the following mem-

bers: Elders: E. S. Brindle, W. B. Eisaman, P. H. Saxman, J. D. Pierce; Deacons: B. F. Heacox, W. H. Flickinger, H. M. McDowell, T. F. Lohr, George H. Cort, and Reuben Harkness.

DENMARK-MANOR CHARGE

Denmark-Manor and Harrison City Congregations

Denmark-Manor Church.

Denmark-Manor Reformed Congregation was organized by Rev. John William Weber in the year 1909. The corner stone of the first building was laid June 3d, 1811, and the new building was dedicated in August, 1813. Rev. J. W. Weber was the Reformed pastor. It was a union church of Reformed and Lutherans, from 1809-1888. The corner-stone of the second building, or the present church, was laid August 11th, 1888. Rev. A. K. Kline, a son of the congregation, and Rev. F. Pilgrim, assisted the pastor, Dr. A. E. Truxal on this occasion, Rev. A. K. Kline preaching the sermon. The new church was dedicated Aug. 25th, 1889. The cost of this building was \$9484.82, besides much work which was done gratis. Rev. O. H. Strunk preached the sermon at the dedication.

This congregation observed very fittingly the one hundredth anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the first church building, on June 3d, 1911. The celebration lasted two days, June 3d, and 4th, Saturday and Sunday. People were present from many states in the union, who were brought up in this historic congregation. The addresses and sermons given on this occasion by former pastors and sons of this congregation have been preserved in a neatly bound book, called "*Sermons and Addresses at the Centennial Anniversary of the Denmark-Manor Reformed Congregations.*"

The present membership is 180. The consistory for 1920 is: Elders: William H. Glunt, H. Levi Good; Deacons: A. J. Frye, Edward Good, J. M. B. Schall, Paul



OLD DENMARK-MANOR (UNION) CHURCH



NEW DENMARK-MANOR REFD. CHURCH

Weaver; Trustees: Peter Kemerer, George Waugaman, J. E. Walton. The following are the pastors who served this congregation:

Rev. J. W. Weber.....	1809—1816
Rev. Henry Habliston	1816—1819
Rev. N. P. Hacke, D. D.....	1819—1877
Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.....	1878—1884
Rev. H. F. Keener.....	1884—1886
Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.....	1887—1893
Rev. J. M. Evans.....	1893—1903
Rev. J. E. Sheetz.....	1904—1910
Rev. Daniel Gress.....	1911—

Harrison City Congregation

The Grace Reformed Church of Harrison City was organized by the Rev. H. F. Keener in the year 1886. It had been a preaching point under Dr. Lady for six years previous to the organization.

The congregation worshipped for several years in the Methodist and Lutheran Churches until they erected a church building of their own.

The corner stone of the new building was laid in the year 1890. Westmoreland Classis met that year in Manor and attended the corner stone laying in a body, Rev. J. F. Snyder preaching the sermon in the Lutheran Church. The building was dedicated in 1891, when Prof. Lucian Cort assisted the pastor Dr. A. E. Truxal. The church cost about \$5200. The present membership is 85 persons. Elders: S. T. Ramsey, W. H. Hockenberry, F. E. Mull; Deacons: Roy Watkins, William Shearer, Clark Irwin, Howard Bushyager. The following pastors served the congregation:

Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxal.....	1887—1893
Rev. J. M. Evans.....	1893—1903
Rev. J. E. Sheetz.....	1904—1910
Rev. Daniel Gress.....	1911—

FIRST MAGYAR REFORMED CHURCH OF UNIONTOWN, PA.

This congregation was organized in 1907. Rev. Alex. Szekeley was its first pastor, while he was a student at Allegheny, Pa. The early records are defective and little can now be said concerning those years. The church building was dedicated in July, 1910. The pastor, Dr. Moritz, was dishonest and while the congregation thought the building was paid, there was nothing paid on it, and the church was sold, and they were without pastor and church. Dr. Moritz was not a minister as he claimed. These people now turned their attention to the Reformed church, which sent Rev. Alex. Radacsy, who served them faithfully from 1914 to 1918. He resigned June 2, 1918. Rev. Andor Harsanyi assumed the pastorate July 18, 1918. Through the earnest efforts of Rev. Radacsy the congregation succeeded in buying the site for its new church and had also bought a parsonage. It happened that it became possible to buy the headquarters of the Red Cross for \$9000. They therefore sold their parsonage and church site at a gain of \$800. They now own a parsonage and lot, that is worth \$14000.

The number of members in 1918 was 160. Today there are 461 names on the list, of whom 261 are regular paying members. The following men compose the consistory: John Hollo, Frank Toth, Joseph Nemeth, Valentine Bozendorf, Andrew Bodi, Joseph Kovacs, Frank Kovacs, George Pallay, Frank Visnyai, Stephan Zeher, Michael Szucs, Michael Kovacs, Stephan Elek, Joseph Magyar.

SALINA CHARGE

Salina Congregation.

The Salina Reformed Church is an offshoot of the St. James' Church, one of the older churches in the northern part of Westmoreland County, established early in the nineteenth century, and served for a long time by Rev. William Weinel. The Salina Congregation was organiz-

ed Sept. 22d, 1877, by Rev. John McConnell with twenty-three members. For several years services were held in a hall which had been repaired and adapted for that purpose; but by 1884 the need for a better place of worship was felt to be imperative, and the congregation erected a church. The corner stone was laid Sept. 30th, 1885, and the dedication took place, Mar. 14th, 1886. The ministers present were Revs. John McConnell, J. F. Snyder, A. E. Truxal, A. A. Black, Wm. M. Andrews and C. R. Dieffenbacher. During the summer of 1908 the church was enlarged and the building was re-dedicated, Oct. 31st, 1909.

For a number of years the Salina congregation was united in a charge with St. James and Pine Run congregations, but in 1901, the twenty-two members at that time constituting the St. James congregation united with Salina. With the coming of Rev. J. F. Snyder in Aug. 1902, Salina severed its connection with Pine Run and became a self-supporting charge.

Pastors:

Rev. John McConnell, 1877-1880; Salina, St. James and Zion's Valley.

Rev. C. W. Good, 1880-1882; Delmont, St. James and Salina.

Rev. A. A. Black, pastor of the Delmont charge, reorganized Salina in 1884.

Rev. W. M. Andrews, 1886-1888; Salina, St. James and Pine Run.

Rev. F. E. Lauffer, 1888-1893; Salina and St. James.

Rev. C. W. Summey, 1893-1898; Salina and Pine Run.

Rev. W. S. Fisher, 1899-1901; Salina and Pine Run.

Rev. J. F. Snyder, 1902-1912; Salina.

Rev. R. V. Hartman, 1913-1918; Salina.

Rev. R. V. Hartman, second pastorate, Jan. 1st, 1919.....

The present membership is 460.

The present consistory is: Elders: Dr. W. F. Fennell, Samuel Brown, Grant McWilliams, C. J. Gallagher, John Stratton, Robert Smeltzer; Deacons: J. C. Donaldson, Thomas Stratton, W. J. Whitesell, Perry Townsend, Harry A. Nixon, Dr. P. A. Nixon.

TRAFFORD CHARGE

Faith Reformed Church.

Rev. A. B. Bauman, pastor of the Reformed Church at Pitcairn, preached occasionally at Trafford from 1906 to 1907. In answer to a petition, signed by a number of Reformed people, Westmoreland Classis appointed a committee to organize a congregation in the place, which organization was effected April 5th, 1908, by Revs. R. F. Main, J. N. Bauman, and C. L. Noss. Thomas H. Bair was elected Elder, and C. H. Knoblock and F. Wise, Deacons. The congregation was connected with the Larimer charge and served by Rev. R. F. Main.

Three lots were bought on the corner of Fourth street and Fairmont avenue, and the corner stone of the church was laid Dec. 6th, 1908, Revs. Drs. E. S. Bromer, A. J. Heller and D. A. Souders, assisting the pastor, Dr. Bromer preaching the sermon.

The church was dedicated May 16th, 1909, the pastor being assisted by Revs. Drs. S. B. Mase, A. J. Heller and D. A. Souders, and Revs. C. L. Noss and F. L. Kerr, Dr. Mase preaching the sermon. On Sept. 1st, 1917, the congregation became a charge by itself and was supplied for several months by Mr. I. G. Nace, a seminary student.

Rev. E. R. Hoke became pastor Sept. 1st, 1917, and continued for one year. Rev. A. K. Kline assumed the pastorate Mar. 1st, 1919.

The membership is 60.

YOUNGSTOWN CHARGE

Youngstown, Buelah, and St. John's Congregations
Youngstown Congregation

Youngstown or Emmanuel's congregation was gathered from the people who settled near the foot of the Chestnut Ridge. Its earliest beginnings are uncertain, but it is supposed that Rev. J. W. Weber visited these people and preached to them. Some work had been

done here before 1820 when Rev. William Weinel was serving as pastor. Dr. Hacke found a church and congregation here and administered the communion to them, May 13th, 1821. This was a union church.

In 1874 the Reformed people bought a new location and collected funds to build a new church. The corner stone was laid May 16th, 1874. Rev. J. I. Swander, the pastor, was assisted by Revs. Townsend and Spargrove of the Presbyterian Church. On the 19th of September the house was dedicated, when Rev. G. B. Russell preached the sermon. This new structure gave the people a new enthusiasm and the church prospered. It has been served by the following ministers: Rev. J. W. Weber and Rev. William Weinel before 1820:

Rev. N. P. Hacke.....	1821—1831
Rev. Adam Bayer.....	1831—1832
Rev. H. E. F. Voigt.....	1833—1858
Rev. Christian C. Russell.....	1859—1863
Rev. E. D. Shoemaker.....	1864—1867
Rev. C. C. Russell.....	1867—1870
Rev. J. I. Swander.....	1870—1877
Rev. B. B. Ferer.....	1878—1883
Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher.....	1884—1892
Rev. S. H. Dietzel.....	1893—1894
Rev. D. S. Stephan.....	1894—1900
Rev. W. A. McClellan.....	1900—1909
Rev. S. H. Dietzel.....	1909—1914
Rev. J. C. Knable.....	1915—1919

The congregation numbers 81.

Beulah Congregation.

Beulah Church is located in the Ligonier Valley. In this section Reformed families had lived for many years. Some had belonged to the church in Ligonier and were served by various Reformed pioneer pastors. It remained, however, for Rev. C. M. Hartzell to gather them into a congregation and organize them. This was done in 1885. A church was dedicated Sept. 4th, 1887, when Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher preached the sermon. The first

consistory was composed of Elders: James Best, John P. Shale, Jacob Swank, and Henry Ferry; Deacons, Anthony Nicely, White Campbell, G. A. B. Nicely, and G. A. Brant. Pastors:

Rev. C. M. Hartzell	1885—1894
Rev. D. S. Stephan	1894—1899
Rev. W. A. McClellan.....	1900—1903
Rev. John F. Bair.....	1903—1905
Rev. John Albertson.....	1906—1913
Rev. J. C. Knable.....	1915—1919

Present members number 25. Consistory: Elders: J. F. Nicely, and G. Frank Buell; Deacons: C. V. McClintock and Hayes Nicely.

St. John's Congregation.

St. John's church was organized by Rev. C. M. Hartzell. The people of the community desired to have a convenient church and united to construct a suitable building. In October, 1887, Rev. Hartzell preached to them with the view of organizing a congregation. The corner stone of the church was laid May 20th, 1888, and it was dedicated Aug. 19th, 1888, Rev. A. E. Truxal, preaching the sermon. The church was dedicated free of debt, as was also the Beulah church. Pastors: Rev. C. M. Hartzell, 1889-1894; Rev. D. S. Stephan, 1894-1899; Rev. W. A. McClellan, 1900-1903; Rev. John F. Bair, 1903-1905; Rev. John Albertson, 1906-1913; Rev. J. C. Knable, 1914-1919. The congregation numbers 43. Elders: J. J. Ross and J. L. Ross; Deacons: M. N. Noel, Chas. Wedge, and Fred W. Riggs.

DERRY CHARGE

St. Paul's Congregation

St. Paul's Reformed Church, of Derry, Pa., was organized by Rev. C. M. Hartzell, Sept., 1892. G. A. Smith and James Johnson were the first Elders and Herman Horner and Calvin P. Miller were the first Deacons.

The corner stone of the first church was laid Nov., 1891, when Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., D. N. Dittmar, and N. H. Skyles, assisted the pastor, Rev. C. M. Hartzell. The church was dedicated June 19th, 1892, when Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., and Rev. D. N. Dittmar assisted Rev. C. M. Hartzell, the pastor. This edifice cost \$2,500. The corner stone of the second church was laid July 25th, 1915, under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Landis, and the church was dedicated Feb. 13th, 1916. The ministers assisting at the corner stone laying were: Revs. G. W. Richards, D. D., Paul J. Dundore, Ph.D., W. J. Kershner, Elder J. S. Wise, treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, and Professor Loudon of the Sunday School Board. The pastor was assisted at the dedication service by the Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, D. D., secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Elder J. S. Wise. The cost of the church was about \$20,000.

The pastors of this congregation were:

Rev. C. M. Hartzell.....	1892—1904
Rev. Edwin D. Bright.....	1904—1909
Rev. A. A. Black.....	1910—1912
Rev. William H. Landis.....	1913—

During the erection of the second church building there was a re-location which brought the church into a central and prominent part of the town. The present membership is 141. The Elders are: G. A. Smith, J. W. Akins, Calvin P. Miller and Philip Mowry; Deacons: W. T. Cruse, G. E. Smith, Seymour Baird, and E. E. Campbell.

SCOTTTDALE CHARGE

Zion's and Trinity Congregations.

Zion's Church.

The Zion's church, formerly known as Schwab's, later as Swopes, is located four miles south of Mt. Pleasant, near the Ragentown road. There is a church record extant containing baptismal entries from 1792 to 1820, the first few years in the handwriting of Rev. J. W. Weber. A communion roll is given for April, but the year is not

given. The next communion is given as having been held Nov. 30th, 1817. The pastor's name does not occur until May 30th, 1819, and is that of Rev. Wm. Wein-el, but the record is in the same handwriting, undoubtedly that of Rev. Wein-el. The communion records in this book only run from 1816 or 1817 to 1821.

The congregation was no doubt organized by Rev. Weber, and afterwards served by Revs. Wein-el, Voigt, Kefauver, Levan, Russell, Peters, Heller, and Lady, Dr. Hacke supplied the congregation for several years after he came west, and there is mention of a Rev. Zwidler, who held communion in 1829. The congregation was never large. At the close of Rev. Lady's pastorate there were forty-eight members on the roll.

A few years after the organization of the Scottdale congregation, Zion's church was connected with Scottdale, and was served by Revs. Beam, Garner, Mickley, Ferner, Meixell, Ferner, Muir, Waugaman and Laubach. In 1876 the consistory was: Elders: Peter Steinman, Jacob Leighty, Sr., M. J. Leighty; Deacons: M. M. Leighty, Jacob Felgar, Geo. S. Lowe.

The date on the corner stone of the present church building is 1861. The membership is thirty-seven. The organization of congregations at Scottdale and Ruffs-dale reduced the membership of Zion's and interfered with its growth. The present consistory is: Elders: Charles R. Felgar, and Jesse Broom; Deacons: Albert Pletcher and Andrew J. Felgar.

Trinity Congregation

Trinity congregation at Scottdale was organized on July 20th, 1873, by the Rev. L. B. Leasure. The Charter members were: Dr. N. L. Kline, Paul Byers, W. A. Kifer, Mrs. Sarah Kifer, Lizzie B. Kline, Christiana Schwartzendruber, Rebecca Evans, Hannah Evans, Rebecca Martz, Mr. Waugaman, Mrs. Waugaman.

The members of the first consistory were: Dr. N. L. Kline, Elder, and Paul Byers, Deacon. The corner stone of the first church building was laid Nov. 9th, 1873;

ministers present: Revs. J. M. Titzel, and L. B. Leasure, pastor. The church was dedicated June 27th, 1874, when Rev. N. P. Hacke and Rev. Geo. B. Russell preached, the former in German and the latter in English. Revs. Titzel, Love and Lady were also present, and Rev. L. B. Leasure read the dedicatory service.

A parsonage was built early in the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Mickley, in 1890, and a new church was erected in 1912, in the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Muir. The church cost \$14,000.

The following ministers served this congregation and also Zion's:

Rev. L. B. Leasure.....	1873—1874
Rev. W. C. B. Schulenberger.....	1875—1877
Rev. S. Z. Beam.....	1877—1882
Rev. A. W. J. Best.....	1882—1883
Rev. H. S. Garner.....	1884—1888
Rev. J. H. Mickley.....	1889—1895
Rev. C. R. Ferner.....	1895—1896
Rev. E. D. Meixell.....	1896—1900
Rev. C. R. Ferner.....	1901—1908
Rev. W. J. Muir.....	1909—1915
Rev. S. U. Waugaman.....	1915—1918
Rev. E. H. Laubach.....	1918—

The present membership is 160. Members of the present consistory: Elders: J. M. Zimmers, and H. G. Peterson; Deacons: C. A. Miller, J. D. Hill, C. E. Pimlott, and H. F. Uber.

DELMONT CHARGE

Trinity, Delmont and Grace, Fenneltown, Congregations

Trinity Congregation

The Reformed people of this locality joined with the Lutherans to erect a church in 1849. There was no organization at that time but in 1850 the church was dedicated, when Revs. N. P. Hacke, S. H. Giesey and William Weinel were present. On Nov. 25th, 1850, a congregation was organized. Revs. N. P. Hacke and S. H. Giesey were present. The first Elders were: Philip

Hobaugh and Michael Fennel and the first Deacons: Valentine Bossard and Sebastian Bear.

About the year 1864 it was found that the first church needed extensive repairs, and it was decided that the Reformed people would build their own church. This action was taken Jan. 7th, 1865. Work was started in the spring and the foundations completed. The next year the church structure was erected and the roof put on, but it was decided to wait until the following year for its completion.

On August 4th, 1867, the first service was held in the new church. It was dedicated Oct. 14th, 1867, when Rev. J. A. Peters preached the dedicatory sermon. The cost of this church is not clearly stated, but they had a debt of \$2500. Pastors:

Rev. S. H. Gieseey.....	1850—1855
Rev. T. G. Apple.....	1855—1857
Rev. R. P. Thomas.....	1858—1863
Rev. T. J. Barkley.....	1863—1867
Rev. J. F. Snyder.....	1867—1873
Rev. Samuel Shaw.....	1874—1876
Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.....	1876—1877
Rev. J. I. Swander.....	1878—1880
Rev. C. W. Good.....	1880—1882
Rev. A. A. Black.....	1882—1886
Rev. J. N. Bauman.....	1886—1894
Rev. E. D. Meixell.....	1894—1896
Rev. C. E. Wagner.....	1896—1908
Rev. H. N. Smith.....	1908—1918
Rev. A. S. Lenhart.....	1919—

There are at present 168 members. The consistory is: Elders: S. P. Keck, A. J. Saul, James R. Linhart; Deacons: Chas. W. Blose, David L. Saul, Thomas S. Frey, John S. Lauffer.

Fenneltown Congregation.

Grace or Fenneltown church was organized by Rev R. P. Thomas, Feb. 27th, 1860. Fifty or more members were dismissed from Trinity Reformed church, Delmont, to form the new organization at Fenneltown. They worshipped in a building with the Lutheran congregation un-

til 1895. Some years before Elder John Michael Fennel offered to give an amount equal to that contributed by all the other members together, to build a new purely Reformed church. The Reformed interest in the union church was sold, and on July 9th, 1895, the corner stone of the new Reformed church was laid. The pastor, Rev. E. D. Meixell, was assisted on this occasion by Rev. J. F. Snyder and Rev. J. N. Bauman. The church was dedicated Dec. 16th, 1895. Rev. J. N. Bauman preached the sermon and Rev. J. M. Evans was also present. The cost of the church was \$2600, of which amount Elder J. M. Fennel and family paid 1600. Mr. and Mrs. Fennel left \$2000 at their death as an endowment for Grace church. The present membership is 107. The following pastors served the congregation:

Rev. R. P. Thomas.....	1860—1863
Rev. T. J. Barkley	1863—1867
Rev. J. F. Snyder.....	1867—1873
Rev. Samuel Shaw.....	1874—1876
Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.....	1876—1877
Rev. J. I. Swander.....	1878—1889
Rev. C. W. Good.....	1880—1882
Rev. A. A. Black.....	1882—1885
Rev. J. N. Bauman.....	1886—1894
Rev. E. D. Meixell.....	1894—1896
Rev. C. E. Wagner.....	1896—1908
Rev. H. N. Smith.....	1908—1918
Rev. A. S. Lenhart.....	1919—1920

Elders: W. W. Fry and C. D. Young; Deacons: A. C. Bash, L. B. Bash, Elijah Bortz, and Homer Fennel.

THE PINE RUN CONGREGATION

The members who entered into the Pine Run Church belonged to the St. James' or Yockey's Congregation. On account of the great distance to the place of worship a new organization was secured by twenty-seven people. in Apr., 1861, which became part of the Salem charge of which Rev. R. P. Thomas was the pastor. John Yockey gave an acre of ground for a church and graveyard, and the corner stone was laid June 5th, 1861, and on the

same day John Yockey and Jacob Wiester were elected Elders and Simon Kunkle and Jacob H. Yockey, Deacons. Rev. C. C. Russell assisted the pastor at the service.

The church was dedicated Aug. 30th, 1862, Rev. G. B. Russell preaching the sermon. The officers were installed on that day, except Jacob Wiester who was sick and who died Sept. 11th, 1862. Daniel Gumbert was chosen Elder in his place. The cost of the church was \$1,000.

The pastors were: Rev. R. P. Thomas, 1861-1863; Rev. T. J. Barkley, 1863-1866.

Pine Run and St. James' were then made a charge and served by these pastors: Rev. T. F. Stauffer 1867-1871, and Rev. J. B. Welty, 1872-1873. The charge was then supplied for three years by Revs. James Grant and John McConnell. Pine Run was made a separate charge in 1875. The pastors were: Revs. Henry Bair, 1875-1879; John Dotterer, 1879-1886. Then Pine Run, St. James', Olive and Salina were made a charge, Rev W. M. Andrews being pastor from 1886-1888. Then Pine Run and Olive became a charge and Rev. F. W. Brown was pastor, 1888-1891; Rev. C. W. Summey, 1891-1898. In 1893, Olive was detached from Pine Run and St. James' and Salina added. Rev. W. S. Fisher was pastor from 1899-1901. In 1892 Pine Run again became a separate charge. Pastors: Rev. Cyrus Cort, D. D., 1902-1907; Rev. C. W. Summey, 1908-1916; Rev. Walter J. Yingst, 1916-1917; and Rev. Samuel Lobach, 1917-1920.

A parsonage was built in 1882. The congregation celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, Sept. 28th, and 29th, 1912. Two of the sons of this church have entered the ministry; C. Gumbert and I. E. U. Kunkle; another, J. F. Muffley is an excellent Y. M. C. A. worker.

The consistory is: Elders: Jacob Wiester, Frank Keibler, and A. H. McQuaide; Deacons: Frank McCutcheon, William Hartman, George Lauffer, Frank Yockey, A. A. Hill and J. Claire Kunkle.

The membership is 121.

THE OLIVE CONGREGATION

Reformed and Lutheran people settled here in early times, and attended church at Brush Creek, almost twenty miles away. Father Weber preached for them occasionally in houses and barns. In 1815 Rev. William Weinel took charge of this district and a church was built in 1817 on land donated by a Mr. Boehmer or Beamer, and it was called Beamer's church. Rev. Weinel and Rev. Francis Laird of the Presbyterian church were present at the corner stone laying. The first record of baptisms by Rev. Weinel is June 16th, 1816. The first communion was held May 24th, 1817, when fourteen persons communed, and 17 were confirmed. Rev. Weinel was pastor until 1837, when Rev. H. E. F. Voigt took charge, and served until 1854. After a long vacancy Rev. R. P. Thomas began to preach every 8 weeks in 1859. Later the congregation was supplied by Revs. T. F. Stauffer and J. F. Snyder. A new church was built in 1871 at a cost of \$2,100 on land donated by Mr. Michael Beamer, and was named Olive Reformed church. The dedication took place on June 30th, 1871, when Rev. J. I. Swander preached the sermon and Revs. J. F. Snyder and G. M. Spargrove made addresses and Rev. T. F. Stauffer read the service. The church was then served by Revs. Stauffer to 1868; J. F. Snyder, 1873-1884. Then by the pastors of the Pine Run congregation. At the close of Rev. Snyder's pastorate there were 175 members. Since then many people have moved away and entered other Reformed churches in the towns. The second Olive church building was burnt June 29th, 1916.

The church was rebuilt in 1919 under Rev. Jacob F. Snyder, and Rev. Samuel E. Lobach, supply pastors, at a cost of \$4,500. There was \$2,500 of this amount to be raised on the day of the dedication and it was over-subscribed. The new church was set apart to the service of God in a series of services from May 3d to the 7th, 1919. Revs. J. F. Snyder, P. J. Dundore, Ph.D., R. V. Hartman, S. E. Lobach and F. L. Kerr, preaching the sermons.

The 1919 membership was 51. The officers are: J. M. Rosenburg, P. S. Dice and R. S. Bond, Elders; Kelly Rupert, John Remaley and Lawrence Breunecke, Deacons.

CONNELLSVILLE CHARGE

Trinity Congregation

The Trinity Reformed church was organized by Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., Jan. 22d, 1899. The first consistory was: Elder, W. M. Ankeny, and Deacons: J. S. Miller, and Solomon Lepley.

The church buildings consist of a chapel and a parsonage combined, erected on a lot costing \$2050, on which there is room for the main auditorium. The building was dedicated Jan. 1st, 1900, at which time Rev. T. S. Land of Manor preached the sermon. Succession of pastors:

Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D.....	1898—1908
Rev. Charles E. Wagner.....	1908—1918
Rev. I. G. Nace.....	1918—

A few events which took place in this congregation, worthy of notice, were the fifteenth anniversary service, Jan. 18th, to 25th, 1914; death of Rev. Charles E. Wagner, pastor, March 27th, 1918; twentieth anniversary service, Nov. 9th to 16th, 1919, and the liquidation of entire indebtedness, Dec. 31st, 1919.

Its present membership is 137. Its consistory: Elders: Solomon Lepley, E. E. Henderson, B. C. Beal; Deacons: O. S. Gettys, L. G. Hart and G. A. Rudolph.

THE BRUSH CREEK CHARGE

The Brush Creek charge occupies a significant place in the history of Pittsburgh Synod in that it is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, charge west of the mountains, but also in its geographical position and influence upon the church at large from its early history.

The Brush Creek charge as now constituted consists of two congregations, *the Brush Creek and the First Re-*



BRUSH CREEK (UNION) CHURCH, ADAMSBURG, PA.



INTERIOR BRUSH CREEK (UNION) CHURCH, ADAMSBURG, PA.

formed church of Manor, Pa. Formerly the scope of territory covered not only the county of Westmoreland, but adjoining counties as well. In point of history the organization at Brush Creek antedated Greensburg, Irwin, Old Manor, and shares honors with St. Paul's near Pleasant Unity, Harrolds and Pittsburgh.

Taking up the two congregations of the charge we observe the following:

Brush Creek Congregation

Brush Creek, in all probability, like Topsy, "was not born, but just grew". It just grew into being without what is known as a formal organization. Rev. John Conrad Bucher, a minister of the Reformed church and a German Swiss officer of the Royal American regiment of Col. Henry Boquet, of Pre-Revolutionary days, in addition to his services in the army, preached and performed many ministerial acts along the military route through this community. We are told that the early settlers were accustomed to assemble at Loutzenheiser's and Davis' for divine service. From these meetings the congregation grew. Hungering and thirsting after the regular ministry of a pastor, Brush Creek along with Harrolds, the Ridge (St. Paul's) near Pleasant Unity, and Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) congregations sent a petition to the meeting of the Reformed Coetus or Synod at Reading, Pa., May 1st, 1782, for the appointment of a pastor. In response Rev. John Wm. Weber settled in Westmoreland county in June, 1783. This date is accepted as that of the organization of the congregation at Brush Creek.

The first building upon the site was a log school house, used also as a church. This building was burned by the Indians, during a raid, probably about 1782. A log church was then erected, which served until the present structure was occupied. Plans for the latter were laid in 1815. In conjunction with the Lutherans the corner stone of the present building was laid August 17th, 1816. According to the articles of agreement adopted upon that date, the building was known as "Brush Creek Salem's Church."

Just a few weeks before the corner stone was laid, the Reformed pastor, Rev. Weber, died and we do not know who represented the denomination at the event. Building operations were hindered by lack of funds and troubles with a contractor. Funds were raised by the selling of eighty-two acres of the original farm of one hundred and eighty-two acres.

In consequence of these delays, the building was not dedicated until 1820. Rev. Henry Gerhart, a Reformed pastor at Bedford, Pa., preached the sermon. The Rev. Dr. N. P. Hacke had become pastor the previous year.

In its long history of one hundred and thirty-seven years there have been but nine pastors at Brush Creek, viz: Rev. John William Weber, 1783-1816; Rev. Henry Habliston, 1816-1819; Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke, D. D., 1819-1877; Rev. David B. Lady, D. D., 1878-1884; Rev. Henry F. Keener, 1884-1886; Rev. Albert E. Truxal, D. D., 1887-1894; Rev. Thomas S. Land, D. D., 1895-1901; Rev. Daniel H. Leader, 1901-1903; Rev. Charles L. Noss, 1903..... In her early history the Brush Creek congregation covered a wide scope of territory and her membership was large. Where there was then one congregation numbering several hundred there are now half a dozen congregations, whose large membership has drawn much of the life blood from the mother church, so that today she is not as strong numerically as formerly. The present membership numbers 183. Not only in sharing her members, but in material things the congregation has ever been liberal. She has learned the lesson of becoming rich by giving. Last year her offering to benevolence was more than the local expenses. The following are the members of the consistory:—Elders: Wm. F. Shrum, Wm. S. Peters, John H. Wolfgang, John J. Kline, and Zach. T. Myers; Deacons: Clay H. Stahl, Edward F. Fisher, M. Chase Stickel, Howard H. Wolfgang, William F. Landis, and James Carr.

The First Reformed Church of Manor.

The beginning of the Reformed congregation at Manor, was when members of the Brush Creek congregation and others of the community held services in the Methodist church of Manor, at which the Rev. John M. Titzel, of Irwin, and pastors of Brush Creek, preached. Shortly after coming to the Brush Creek charge in 1878, the Rev. D. B. Lady began holding services in the Methodist church and later in the Presbyterian church. Finally on February 14th, 1885, under the pastorate of Rev. H. F. Keener a meeting was held in the Presbyterian church to effect an organization.

The following officers were elected: Elders: Michael Beamer and Emanuel Crum; Deacons: Hacke P. Smith and Peter H. Naley. A committee to purchase a lot and erect a church was appointed. The building was begun in 1885, the corner stone having been laid July 18th, 1885. The building was erected and the basement completed in time to hold the first service there Nov. 8th, 1885. At this time a Sunday School was organized.

The main auditorium of the church remained incomplete for two years. Rev. Keener having resigned and left the charge May 1st, 1886, the congregation was without a pastor until April 1st, 1887, when Dr. A. E. Truxal became pastor. The church was finally completed and dedicated free of debt on July 3, 1887. The entire cost of the property was \$4274. Revs. J. F. Snyder, S. B. Mase, C. U. Heilman, and E. Herbruck, assisted in the dedicatory services. On June 15th, 1915, the congregation was chartered under the name of the First Reformed church of Manor, Pa. At a congregational meeting held Dec. 26th, 1915, the congregation resolved to rebuild the church, brick veneering the old structure and making a large addition of brick. July 2, 1916, the corner stone was relaid, the sermon was preached by the Rev. S. B. Mase, D. D. Other ministers present were the Revs. J. M. Runkle, Ph.D., Daniel Gress, A. K. Kline, and David B. Lady, D. D. The enlarged and improved church with a

fine pipe organ was completed and dedicated Feb. 4th, 1917, at which time the sermon was preached by the Rev. Lewis Robb, D. D. Others assisting were the Revs. A. K. Kline, W. C. Sykes and E. S. Bromer, D. D. The cost of the rebuilt church was about \$11,500. The pastors of the church have been the same as those serving at the Brush Creek church.

The present membership is 262. The present members of the consistory are as follows: Elders: Wm. T. Cook, Wm. J. Beamer, Henry M. Steck, Herman W. Kooser, and Frank Caldwell; Deacons: Howard H. Whitehead, Christopher C. Walthour, Orin S. Truxal, S. I. Schroder, George Grieve, and Homer C. Kifer.

THE VANDERGRIFF CHARGE

The First Reformed Church, Vandergrift, Pa.

This congregation was organized in 1899 by Revs. John Naly, J. N. Bauman, and D. S. Steohan. The first consistory was composed of Elders: Harry Byers and J. G. Wiant; Deacons: J. D. Gregg and Harry Beighley.

The corner stone of the church building was laid June 1st, 1901, and the church was dedicated Mar. 23d, 1902. The minister present at the corner stone laying was Rev. J. N. Bauman, and at the dedication, Revs. C. E. Wagrner, D. E. Mester, J. N. Bauman, and C. J. Musser, D. D. The cost of the church was \$5314. The pastors have been: Rev. D. S. Steohan, 1899-1911; Rev. F. K. Stamm, 1911-1915; Rev. James R. Shepley, 1915-1917, and Rev. H. D. Maxwell, 1919.....

The number of members is 250. The consistory is composed of Elders: R. E. Gumbert, George S. Christy, S. M. Carrahan, and J. G. McGeary; Deacons: Fred I. Stuart, Harry Cwyn, Frank Borland, C. L. Texter, Emmet Foster, and E. M. Kissinger.

ST. JOHN'S CHARGE

St. John's Congregation, Johnstown, Pa.

St. John's congregation was organized Jan. 23d, 1881, by Rev. W. H. Bates. The first church was dedicated and the Sunday School was organized Nov. 21st, 1880. Owing

to the Johnstown flood of May 21st, 1889, and the loss of records, it is impossible to give complete data. Thirty-four persons entered into the organization as charter members. Among these were: Herman Baumer, Catherine Baumer, Frank B. Good, James P. Kegg, Jane Knable, William C. Horner, Emma J. Louther, Nancy Krebs, Frank Mumma, Catherine Mumma, Jacob Hershberger, Frank Smith, Mary Smith and Annie Tate. The first consistory was: Elders: Wm. C. Horner and James P. Kegg; Deacons: Jacob Hershberger and Frank Smith. The first church was dedicated Nov. 1st, 1880, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Theodore Appel, D. D. The evening sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Love, who with Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher and S. Z. Beam installed the Rev. W. H. Bates as pastor of the congregation at this service. The lot for the chapel was purchased for \$1,000. The chapel exclusive of furnishings cost \$1,070. This church was destroyed by the flood.

The corner stone of the new church was laid Nov. 30th, 1890, by Rev. W. H. Bates, assisted by a number of Johnstown pastors. This church was dedicated July 17th, 1892. Rev. C. S. Gerhart, D. D., preached the sermon in the morning and Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., in the evening. The church cost \$13,250 of which the church at large contributed \$6,070, and the pastor secured by means of lectures on the Johnstown flood \$1,188. The pastorate of Rev. W. H. Bates terminated Nov. 15th, 1894.

Rev. J. Harvey Mickley was appointed missionary at Johnstown by the Board of Home Missions in July, 1895, and took charge of the congregation on Sept. 1st of that year. The membership was 140, the debt on the property \$3,790, and the mission contributed \$200 for the pastor's salary. The debt was paid and the mission became self-supporting Apr. 1st, 1902. More land was purchased later, and additions made to the church, a pipe organ installed, and a parsonage erected at a cost of \$18,000 in 1916-17. The benevolent contributions of the church have increased from \$95 in 1895 to \$2,444 in 1919. The present consistory is Rev. J. Harvey Mickley, pastor;

Elders: James P. Kegg, (emeritus), Harry E. Buechley, Charles B. Bowers, M. Z. Smith, Murry J. Bowman, Eugene L. Hoffman and G. W. Hershberger; Deacons: Henry H. Miller, Albert Blough, W. W. Shaver, John W. Good, Jonathan W. Gardner, and Wm. H. Harrold.

GRACE CHURCH, JEANNETTE, PA.

The Grace Reformed church of Jeannette was organized by the Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, under the direction of the Board of Home Missions, in the school house at Grapeville Station, April 7th, 1889, with about thirty members. The following names constitute the first consistory: Elders: John Jacobs and John Stump; Deacons: Harvey D. Klingensmith and William Aultman. The first Trustees: George W. Croushore and Albert Klingensmith. The first pastor was Rev. N. H. Skyles, who began his work here May 1st, 1889. The corner stone of the first church was laid Jan. 1st, 1890. The ministers assisting the pastor were: Revs. F. Pilgrim, C. R. Dieffenbacher and A. E. Truxal. The church was dedicated May 25th, 1890, when Rev. E. S. Hassler preached the sermon. The pastor was also assisted by Revs. Dieffenbacher, Truxal and Prof. Lucian Cort. A few months later a parsonage was erected on the lot adjoining the church. The cost of both church and parsonage was about \$6000. The congregation worshipped for about twenty-six years in this building.

The present church building was erected in 1916 and 1917, at a cost of \$45,000. The corner stone was laid Nov. 25th, 1916, the sermon on the occasion being preached by Rev. S. B. Mase, D. D. The building was dedicated Dec. 16th, 1917, the sermon being preached by Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards. Revs. W. C. Sykes and J. N. Bauman were also present, assisting in the services.

The present membership is 615. Elders: H. L. Mull, H. D. Klingensmith, George Knappenberger, and James Edge; Deacons: A. S. Whitehead, A. W. Mauson, Howard



GRACE REFD. CHURCH, JEANNETTE, PA.

Bricker, Lawrence Barner, R. E. Linhart, Oscar Clair, Ross Altman, John F. Hershey, W. H. Steiner, and Oscar Henry.

The succession of pastors is: Rev. N. H. Skyles, 1887-1893; Rev. John N. Bauman, 1894-1911; Rev. George M. Smith, 1912-1914; and Rev. James M. Runkle, Ph.D., 1915-1920.

SECOND REFORMED CHURCH, GREENSBURG, PA.

Rev. Samuel H. Gieseey organized the Second Reformed church of Greensburg, Pa., Sept. 20th, 1849. The two most active men in the organization were Daniel Kiehl and John Barnhart. Simon Cort and Leonard Kunkle were the first Elders, and John Kiehl and William J. Wells, were the first Deacons.

The first church building was dedicated, Jan. 16th, 1852, under the pastorate of Rev. Samuel H. Gieseey. The sermon was preached by the Rev. S. H. Ried. The Second church building was dedicated Nov. 27th, 1881, Rev. John W. Love, being pastor. The Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee preached the sermon. Other ministers present were: Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. B. Lady, A. E. Truxal, B. B. Ferer, J. H. Prugh and L. Cort. Its cost was \$15,000.

The succession of pastors:

- Rev. Samuel H. Gieseey, six years.
- Rev. Thomas G. Apple, one year and three months.
- Rev. Louis Kefauver, three years and nine months.
- Rev. Henry W. Super, three years.
- Rev. George H. Johnston, one year.
- Rev. T. J. Barkley, three years.
- Rev. J. W. Love, sixteen years.
- Rev. S. B. Mase, three years.
- Rev. D. N. Dittmar, four years.
- Rev. S. B. Mase, twenty-two years
- Rev. Frederick C. Seitz, June 15th, 1919—.

The congregation built a parsonage on West Otterman street, in 1871, which was afterwards sold. The present parsonage was bought in 1895 at a cost of \$10,335. The pipe organ was installed in 1901, secured from Andrew Carnegie, through the earnest solicitation of Elder W. R.

Barnhart. The church and parsonage were renovated in 1919, at a cost of \$14,000.

The present membership is 400. The present Elders are: W. R. Barnhart, John M. Jamison, Bennet Rask, James E. Brown, Fred W. Frazier, and D. J. Snyder. The Deacons are: John M. Snyder, John Keim, Paul S. Bair, Charles H. Wible, Harry C. Irwin, and Ambrose R. Hershberger.

THIRD REFORMED, GREENSBURG, PA., CHARGE

Third Reformed and Trinity Congregations.

Third Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa.

The Third Greensburg congregation was organized by the Rev. John F. Bair, Feb. 23d, 1908. The first consistory consisted of Elder D. F. Lopus; Deacons: John H. Kaylor, and Harry Lopus.

The corner stone of the church was laid Oct. 3d, 1909, when the addresses were delivered by Rev. S. B. Mase, D. D., and Rev. L. D. Steckel. The church was dedicated Sept. 10th, 1910, when Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D. delivered the sermon. Rev. John F. Bair conducted the dedicatory service, and was assisted by Rev. E. S. Bromer, D. D., Rev. S. B. Mase, D. D., and Rev. W. J. McMichael of the U. P. church of Greensburg. The church cost about \$6000.

Rev. John F. Bair served this congregation for five years and Rev. W. C. Sykes for the following six years, to date. The present membership is 146 and the present consistory consists of Elders: Ira Durstine, G. K. Rummel, and Harry Elder; Deacons: Thomas Snedden, Charles Deemer and Jesse Wetzel.

A parsonage was built in 1917.

Trinity Church, Old Stanton, Pa.

This congregation was organized by Rev. J. W. Love, Dec. 12th, 1875, with twenty-five members. The consistory was: Elders: John Sell and Henry Byers; Deacons: Samuel Poole and Tobias Long. The church was built in 1875. The corner stone was laid June 12th, 1875, and the church dedicated Nov. 14th, 1875.

The pastors have been: Revs. J. W. Love, S. B. Mase,

M. H. Hill, I. N. Burger, D. J. Wolf, A. M. Schaffner, S. U. Waugaman, J. F. Bair, and Wm. C. Sykes.

The present membership is 54. The present consistory: Elders: J. D. Kaufman, and W. B. Shoaf; Deacons: John E. Shrader, and H. W. Claspy.

THE YUKON CHARGE

Seanor's and Yukon Congregations

Seanor's Congregation

The Seanor's or St. Paul's congregation of Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., was organized by Rev. John W. Weber. The date is uncertain but likely in the year 1800. The earliest names in connection with this congregation are those that are mentioned as officers "in olden times" and are the following: William Beck, Tobias Long, Adam Truxal, Samuel Pool, George Hawk, Lewis Long, George Albright, Jacob Fox, Peter Miller, Abram Long, and John Baughman. The original building was of logs but no date is known as to its construction. This was followed by a brick building erected in 1837, which was replaced by the present brick structure in 1875. These buildings have been owned jointly by the Lutheran and Reformed congregations.

The list of ministers that served this congregation includes the following names:

Rev. John W. Weber.....	—1816
Rev. Wm. Weinel	1816—1828
Rev. Dr. N. P. Hacke.....	1829—1832
Rev. H. E. F. Voigt.....	1832—1862
Rev. L. H. Kefauver.....	1857—1861 (English)
Rev. H. W. Super.....	1862—1865
Rev. G. H. Johnston	1866—1867
Rev. T. J. Barkley.....	1867—1868
Rev. J. H. Sykes.....	1868—1868
Rev. L. B. Leasure.....	1868—
Rev. N. P. Hacke.....	1868—1870
Rev. John W. Love.....	1870—1886
Rev. S. B. Mase.....	1887—1892

Rev. I. N. Burger.....	1892—1895
Rev. D. J. Wolf.....	1896—1898
Rev. A. M. Schaffner.....	1899—1904
Rev. C. E. Stoner.....	1904—1905
Rev. John F. Bair.....	1905—1913
Rev. W. C. Sykes.....	1913—1918
Rev. S. U. Waugaman.....	1918—

The congregation numbers 65. Its Elders are: Homer Baughman, and John Baldrige; its Deacons are: Charles Kauffman and Allen Fox.

Grace Church, Yukon, Pa.

The Grace Reformed Church, of Yukon, Pa., was organized Apr. 19th, 1914, by a committee of Westmoreland Classis, Revs. C. L. Noss, E. D. Bright and Howard Obold. The first consistory was: Elders: Fred T. Sporck, William Condie, and H. B. Emerson, M. D. Deacons: Edward Burns, John F. Sheraw, and C. Frank Hunker. Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., became pastor of the church Nov. 15th, 1914. The Westmoreland Coal Co., gave the congregation four lots upon which a church was built in 1915. The corner stone was laid May 9th, 1915, and the church was dedicated Nov. 7th, of the same year. Revs. C. L. Noss, Howard Obold, E. D. Bright and Henry Ditzler made addresses at the corner stone laying. Revs. C. L. Noss, W. C. Sykes, D. A. Souders, A. K. Kline, E. S. Bromer, D. D., and several neighboring pastors made addresses at the dedication of the church. Pastors: Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., 1914-1917; Rev. S. U. Waugaman, 1917.....

The congregation now numbers 101. Consistory: Elders: F. T. Sporck, H. B. Emerson, M. D., and J. F. Sheraw; Deacons: C. F. Hunker, Fred Mayhew, and Henry Kneal.

St. Paul's Reformed Church, Johnstown, Pa.

St. Paul's Reformed church of Johnstown, Pa., began with a Sunday School organized Aug. 12th, 1904, in the Moxham section of this city under the direction of Rev. J. H. Mickley. From Oct., 1904, to Feb., 1905, Rev. Mick-

ley preached there on alternate Sundays and then every Sunday evening until a regular pastor was secured. The congregation was organized Jan. 25th, 1906, by a committee of Westmoreland Classis consisting of Rev. Mickley and Rev. S. H. Isenberg. The first consistory was: Elder S. W. Hensell; Deacons: S. E. Kimmel, and R. F. Witt. Shortly afterwards Arnold Schmidt was elected elder, and F. E. Kornes and N. J. Friedline, deacons.

In April, 1906, the congregation was enrolled by the Board of Home Missions and the All Saints Episcopal chapel purchased for \$5000, the board loaning the money to the congregation. After extensive improvements the chapel was reopened for services Dec. 2d, 1906, the Rev. D. A. Souders, D. D., delivering the address of the occasion. This building with additional improvements is still being used by the congregation. In April, 1912 the Board of Home Missions, responding to an overture of the congregation granted the full service of a pastor and the Rev. John C. Raezer was called and began his work on June 15th, 1912, as successor to Dr. Mickley. Rev. Mr. Raezer terminated his ministry on May 15th, 1913. His successor, Rev. Edwin O. Marks, began his pastorate on July 1st, 1913, and terminated it on April 5th, 1920. Rev. A. B. Bauman is the present pastor.

The debt of the congregation to the board for the purchase of the property was cancelled during the year 1914. The last payment on this debt was a gift building fund of \$500, by the mother church, St. John's. The cancellation of the debt was celebrated a few months later when the Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D., on behalf of the Board of Home Missions, turned over the deed of the property to the officers of the congregation.

The present membership of the congregation is 143. The present consistory consists of the following: Elders: E. A. Schmidt, F. E. Kornes, H. B. Chronister, and Wm. A. Speicher; Deacons: S. B. Allen, H. H. Hammer, S. E. Deeter, N. J. Friedline, E. A. Hower, and M. S. Lambert.

RUFFSDALE CHARGE

*Congregations: Christ's, Ruffsedale, and St. Luke's,
New Stanton.*

Christ's Church.

This congregation was organized in Feb., 1887, with thirteen members by Rev. H. S. Garner. The charter members are: J. R. Leighty, Barbara Ryan, J. S. Hixon, Mrs. J. S. Hixson, Mary Rial, Robert Barr, Mrs. Sadie Barr, Fred Wolf, Louis Smith, Mrs. Lewis Smith, Mary Pool, Artie Pool, and J. L. Pool. The first consistory was: Elder J. R. Leighty, and Deacons J. S. Hixson and Fred Wolf.

The corner stone for the church was laid in July, 1887, by Rev. Mr. Garner, being dedicated in Nov., 1887. Revs. C. R. Ferner and C. R. Dieffenbacher assisted the pastor at the dedication.

The cost of the building was \$1500.

The pastors serving were: Revs. H. S. Garner, J. H. Mickley, C. R. Ferner, A. M. Schaffner, C. E. Stoner, C. G. Shupe, Henry Ditzler, and J. D. Thomas.

A parsonage was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Ferner and art glass windows were put in the church during the pastorate of Rev. Henry Ditzler. The present membership is 186. The present consistory is: Elders: J. M. Leighty, J. R. Leighty, L. G. Smith, Edward Miller, and J. E. Rial; Deacons: P. H. Steele, B. H. Pool, E. B. Null, James Moore, D. J. Beckner, and H. P. Rogen.

St. Luke's Congregation.

St. Luke's Reformed church of New Stanton was organized by Rev. A. M. Shaffner in the summer of 1903. The first officers of the congregation were: S. B. Martz and J. W. Shoaf. The corner stone was laid Aug., 1904, Revs. S. B. Mase, D. D., and C. E. Stoner assisting the pastor. On June 21st, 1907, it was dedicated. The ministers assisting the pastor were Revs. Miller, C. M. Hart-

zell, and C. E. Stoner. The cost of the structure was \$7000. The succession of pastors was:

Rev. A. M. Shaffner.....	1903-1904
Rev. C. E. Stoner.....	1904-1908
Rev. C. G. Shupe.....	1908-1911
Rev. Henry Ditzler.....	1912-1919
Rev J. D. Thomas.....	1920-

The present membership is 37. The officers are:—
Elders: S. R. Martz and J. W. Shoaf; Deacons: H. V. Hantz and W. G. Myers.

EMMANUEL'S CHARGE

The Emmanuel's charge consists of one congregation near Manordale, Franklin Township, Westmoreland County, Pa.

Rev. J. W. Weber preached occasionally in this neighborhood in houses and barns, as did also Rev. W. Weinell. A congregation was organized in 1820. A Union church was built in 1830 on land donated by Philip Drum and Peter Hill. On May 31st, 1831, thirty-two persons communed. The building was enlarged and improved in 1845.

In 1853 the congregation was attached to the First Greensburg charge under Dr. N. P. Hacke, who served until 1867. A new brick church was erected in 1856 at a cost of \$2700. The dedication took place on Easter Sunday, 1858.

Rev. J. F. Snyder became pastor in 1867 and continued until 1902, a period of thirty-six years. A parsonage was built in 1876. The Lutheran interest in the church was purchased in 1883. When Rev. Snyder's pastorate began there were about sixty members, when it closed there were 300 on the roll. The succession of pastors:

Rev. Wm. Weinell.....	1820—1853
Rev. N. P. Hacke.....	1853—1867
Rev. J. F. Snyder.....	1867—1902
Rev. F. W. Brown.....	1902—1905
Rev. W. S. Hartzell.....	1905—1909
Rev. S. U. Waugaman.....	1909—1915
Rev. Chas. A. Bushong.....	1916—1920
Rev. J. Leidy Yearick.....	1920—

The parsonage was burnt on Feb. 2d, 1917, and a new brick building was erected in its place in 1917 at a cost of \$7000. The present membership is 270; unconfirmed 130. The consistory is: Elders: William M. Geiger, Jacob Kuhns, Henry M. Bollinger, George W. Geiger, and Milton F. Remaley; Deacons: William J. Remaley, Park R. Cline, Lloyd Cline, and Edgar P. Martz.

MT. PLEASANT CHARGE

First Reformed, Mt. Pleasant, and St. John's Congregations.

First Reformed Church, Mt. Pleasant

The congregation was organized in the Westmoreland College building in 1864, with twenty-eight members present at the first communion. The first consistory was: Elders: Benjamin Kemp, and C. H. Poole. Deacons: George Hartzell, Jr., and John S. Levan. On the 9th of April, 1871, the college building was sold. The congregation worshipped for the next year in the school house on Bunker Hill. During that year a church was built on Main St., just east of the borough line. The building was dedicated Apr. 17th, 1872. A new church was built in 1888 and 1889 at a cost of \$13,634. There were then 150 members. The first name of the congregation was "All Souls;" in 1871 this was changed to "St. Peter's". When the last new church was dedicated in 1889 the name was again changed to the "First Reformed Church of Mt. Pleasant."

The pastorates are as follows:

Rev. John A. Peters.....	1864—1869
Rev. A. J. Heller.....	1869—1872
Rev. David B. Lady.....	1872—1878
Rev. S. Z. Beam.....	1878—1884
Rev. F. B. Hahn.....	1884—1885
Rev. C. R. Ferner.....	1885—1895
Rev. W. H. Tussing.....	1896—1905
Rev. E. R. Deatrick.....	1906—1913
Rev. W. A. Barley.....	1914—1919
Rev. Paul T. Stonesifer.....	1920—

A parsonage was built by the charge, then consisting of four congregations, in 1873. Membership, 1919: 224.

The present consistory is: Elders: C. E. Zimmerman, D. C. Rumbaugh, C. C. Schaub, and D. K. Hershberger. Deacons: J. A. Hershberger, Wm. F. Weitzel, Carol B. Shupe, James Steffel, Rice B. Freed, and Clyde Lowe.

St. John's Congregation

The St. John's or "Kindig's" church is located two and one-half miles north of Mt. Pleasant on the Latrobe road. The land was donated by four men whose farms joined at this point: Daniel Kintig, Henry Fisher, Andrew Smail, and John Deeds, each giving half an acre. Both Reformed and Lutherans worship here. The congregations were probably organized about 1782. The first church was built of logs, and served for both church and school house. In 1827 a brick church was built. A new church was built in 1861. This was destroyed by fire, Oct. 30th, 1910. The fourth church was consecrated Oct. 8th, 1910, by the pastors, E. R. Deatruck, Reformed, and R. N. Leatherman, Lutheran.

In 1876 the officers were: Elders: Isaac Shupe and Christopher Sandals; Deacons: J. A. Byers, and Lewis B. Shupe. The following have been pastors:

Rev. John Wm. Weber.....	1782—1816
Rev. William Weinel.....	1816—1829
Rev. N. P. Hacke.....	1829—1832
Rev. Adam Bayer	1832—1833
Rev. H. E. F. Voigt.....	1833—1864
Rev. H. L. Kefauver—English Ass't.,	1857.
Rev. C. C. Russell—English Ass't.,	1859
Rev. F. K. Levan—English Ass't.,	1861
Rev. J. A. Peters	1864—1869

From 1869 to 1919 the congregation has had the same succession of pastors as the First Reformed Church of Mt. Pleasant.

The membership of 1919 is 80.

The present consistory is: Elders: David B. Fisher, and Frank D. Barnhart; Deacons: Nelson Poorbaugh, Edward G. Trout, and Andrew Fencil.

ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION, LARIMER, PA.

The St. John's congregation at Larimer, about three miles west of Irwin, was organized in 1885, by Rev. A. E. Truxal, out of about fifty members of the First Reformed church of Irwin, and twenty-five members of other churches. The first consistory was: Elders: Peter Hild, Sr., Peter Hild, Jr.; Deacons: Paul Klingensmith, George Good, and Abraham Lentz. A church was built the same year and dedicated free of debt. In 1895 there were 130 names on the roll.

The present membership is 210. The 1920 consistory is: Elders: Paul Klingensmith, W. E. Wilson, Frank Condle and Calvin McMunn; Deacons: David Forsythe, Alfred Whittle, Charles Ramsey, and Joseph Kim; Trustees: F. Bernard, Charles Ramsey and Calvin McMunn. The pastors have been: Rev. A. E. Truxal, two years; Rev. F. Pilgrim, five years; Rev. D. A. Souders, twelve years; Rev. U. C. E. Gutelius, three years, and Rev. R. F. Main, eleven years.

The congregation was a part of the Irwin charge for over twenty years, and received one third of the pastor's time, and paid one third of the salary and benevolence, when it was detached and made a mission in connection with a new interest at Trafford City. A few years ago each of these was made a mission by itself. St. John's is the only church in Larimer and is the church, to an extent, of the community.

CHAPTER XXIV

CLARION CLASSIS

By Rev. H. D. Darbaker, D. D.

“In pursuance of a resolution by the Synod of the German Reformed church of Ohio and Adjacent States, authorizing the organization of a new classis within the bounds of Westmoreland Classis, to be called the Classis of Clarion, the members within the bounds of the contemplated new classis met on Friday, the 6th day of June, 1851, in Saegertown, Crawford County, Pa., for the purpose of organizing the said classis, and to transact such business as should come before it.”

At a special meeting of Westmoreland Classis, held in Greensburg, January 8th, 1851, the ministers and charges north of the Kiskiminetas river were dismissed to form Clarion Classis.

The following ministers entered the new organization: Revs: D. B. Ernst, Samuel Miller, Henry Hoffman, L. D. Leberman, J. C. Henneman, Geo. Wolf, Benjamin Boyer, J. S. Shade, H. F. Hartman, and M. A. Smith. Elders: Henry Stine, Abraham Moyer, Esq., John Crum, Frederick Mohny, Jacob Brinker, Sr., Cyrus Wolf, Daniel Delo, Esq., and Jacob Kemary.

Election of Officers

Rev. D. B. Ernst, president.
Rev. Samuel Miller, secretary.
Daniel Delo, Esq., treasurer.

THE TERRITORY OF CLARION CLASSIS

"The territory of Clarion Classis embraced the country lying north of the Kiskiminetas and Ohio rivers as far as the state of New York, and west to the Ohio line. Owing to the great distances ministers and elders had to travel, the annual and special meetings were poorly attended. And the installation of ministers was largely omitted until after the division of classis. At the meeting of classis in the St. John's church, Mercer county, Pa., in 1860, the following action was taken: That "a new classis be constituted to be known and styled, 'The St. Paul's Classis', embracing all that territory of Clarion Classis lying west of the Allegheny River; and Synod be requested to confirm this action." The Eastern Synod took favorable action on this request. St. Paul's Classis was organized in the Good Hope church, Mercer County, Pa., in 1861.

THE PIONEER MINISTERS

East of the Allegheny river, Henry Koch was the first minister of the Reformed church in Clarion County, Pa., who settled there. He was born in Northampton County, Pa., in 1795—studied four years under the direction of Dr. Becker,—ordained to the "office of Bishop" by the Synod of the United States at Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 9th, 1819—traveled west to Westmoreland County, Pa., in company with Rev. N. P. Hacke—came north into Clarion County near the close of the year 1819. He organized the following named congregations:

1. Licking, near Currllsville, 1819-20.
2. St. Paul's, now in Beaver charge, 1820.
3. St. Peter's, St. Petersburg, March 1, 1834.
4. Salem, Lamartine, 1837.
5. Jerusalem, Rimersburg, 1841.
6. Trinity, Red Bank, 1820.
7. St. Paul's, Sugar Creek, Armstrong County.

Rev. Mr. Koch died Aug. 7th, 1845, and was buried at Rimersburg, Pa. A monument was erected to his memory June 21st, 1889, at a cost of \$110. Rev. J. F. Wiant delivered the address, and Rev. D. B. Lady, had charge of the services. The other ministers present were: Revs. W. W. Deatrick, R. C. Bowling and S. T. Wagner.

To show his heroic spirit an incident may be noted. He rode over the Allegheny river on the ice, near where East Brady now stands, to fill an appointment. On his return on Monday a member of the church came with him as far as the river, which they found running full of large cakes of ice. He gave his horse in care of his friend. They knelt down and committed themselves to the protection of God. The next moment Rev. Koch was on a cake of ice—and jumping from cake to cake, he reached the eastern bank safely. Then it is said, he exclaimed—"Thus we cross the stream of time to Canaan's shore."

Rev. Wm. Weinell began his missionary labors in Armstrong county, early in the "twenties." There is a record of baptisms July 18, 1822; and communion May, 1823, when 24 persons were confirmed and 40 communed. He probably organized the St. Jacob's congregation, South Bend charge.

In 1826 Rev. John Althaus came north through Armstrong, Jefferson and Clarion counties, Pa. Some of the aged people speak of him as the Reformed "circuit rider" from Armstrong county. He preached in "houses, barns and taverns," as the "Luther Tavern," Luthersburg, Pa. In 1833 he organized a congregation in Luthersburg; and in 1842 he built a "hewn log house of worship with a swallow's nest pulpit." Rev. Althaus traveled on horse-back with "saddle-bags and rifle, for it was *gefährlich im walde*."

West of the Allegheny river, the minutes of Clarion Classis state that Rev. Mahnenschmidt of Springfield, Ohio, made several trips into Mercer and Crawford counties,—preaching, catechising the children, and conducting communion services. The first trip was made in 1822.

In 1825 Rev. Philip Zeiser came from East Pennsylvania, to Mercer county. He was a zealous worker in the cause of Christ. The early records mention ten congregations that he organized, viz:

1. Zion—at Wolf Creek, eight miles south of Mercer, 1825.
2. Good Hope—two and a half miles southwest of Greenville, 1825.
3. Conneaut Lake—1825.
4. Meadville—European Germans, 1826.
5. Reichels—four miles north of Saegertown, 1830.
6. Jerusalem—Hickory Twp., Mercer County, 1830.
7. Christ Church—six miles south of Meadville at German Hill, 1837.
8. St. John's—seven miles south of Greenville, 1837.
9. Salem—1843. Otter Creek Twp., Mercer County.
10. Sugar Creek—Armstrong County, 1843.

His field was about seventy miles long and fifty miles wide. He was at home with his family one week every month. He was called the "learned preacher"—"well read in church history, and dogmatics, and had acquired a good degree of knowledge in the classics." His "style of preaching was clear and his sermons were well prepared."

EDUCATION

Clarion Classis was fully awake to the importance of education. As early as 1854 steps were taken to establish a "High School." St. Petersburg was considered a suitable place; but the inducements offered by the citizens were not satisfactory. Four years later, Rimersburg was chosen. At a mass meeting of the town people \$1500 were pledged for a school building. This amount was afterwards increased to \$4000. The contract to erect the building was let to J. L. Gilbert for \$3970. The cornerstone was laid July 6th, 1859. Dr. Henry Harbaugh delivered the address. It was dedicated Aug. 15th, 1860—the address being given by Rev. D. B. Ernst. The name

given to the school was, "The Clarion Collegiate Institute." The following were the principals of the institute: Revs. Lucian Cort, Abner Dale, Joseph H. Apple, Chas. Knepper, Prof. R. B. Huey, J. J. Pennypacker, Prof. A. J. Davis, J. J. Pennypacker, W. W. Deatrick, A. O. Reiter, S. W. Kerr, and W. L. Smith.

In 1873 Classis passed a resolution favoring a "Theological Department" in connection with the institute. Pittsburgh Synod, however, declared such a movement unconstitutional. The institute proved a costly enterprise. It was finally sold for \$2248, May 20th, 1903.

In 1859 Classis called the attention of Synod to the importance of establishing an "Orphan Asylum." This bore fruit in the organization, of St. Paul's Home, at Butler, Pa., in 1867.

In 1900 Classis undertook the printing of a church paper, called "*The Gleaner*," Rev. H. D. Darbarker being chairman of the committee. This proved a very helpful paper to the members of Classis. It was self-supporting up to the last two or three years. Rev. Darbaker was editor for seven and a half years, when he moved to Pittsburgh. Rev. H. S. Nicholson then filled the editorial chair. The successors were Revs. A. S. Lenhart, L. L. Leh, and I. G. Snyder. In 1919 the paper suspended. Clarion Classis must be commended for its educational spirit.

NOTES

1. Clarion Classis passed a resolution, "to revive the ancient custom to take up penny collections at all public services of the church."

2. "Consistories were instructed to take collections for clothing for beneficiary students."

3. "Synod was respectfully requested to say whether it is constitutional for a classis, or an individual member of such, to publish a religious periodical, to be circulated among the members of our church, without the sanction of Synod"—1855.

4. January 31st, 1856, Rev. G. B. Russell solicited aid

in behalf of Grace church, Pittsburgh; and classis undertook to raise \$1000 for that interest.

5. In 1857, Clarion Classis was dismissed by the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States to the Eastern Synod. The first delegates to the Eastern Synod were—Revs. D. B. Ernst, and H. F. Hartman; and Elders A. H. Allebach and John Crick.

6. The committee on missions reported in 1854 that the fields were not only ripe unto the harvest, but that the harvest was perishing for lack of laborers;” that “too many of our churches were carried into other households of faith;” and that if six to eight more ministers were in this field we might have an Erie, Allegheny, and Jefferson Classis.

7. It is highly creditable to Clarion Classis to have the names of two ministers on her roll, who have spent their entire ministry in her bounds—Revs. Robt. C. Bowling, D. D., and R. E. Crum. The history of classis extends over a period of sixty-nine years. Over half of this time these two brethren have labored in her midst. They have been devoted servants of the Lord, working for the establishment of the Master’s Kingdom. Their efforts have produced rich, ripe fruit. Their heroic spirit has frequently been put to the test. But being “rooted and grounded in the love” of Christ they triumphed over all difficulties. Constitutional questions, best methods of interpreting the gospel to the people, right living, service, stewardship, etc., have required answers. They not only were active participants in these movements, but they were leaders, setting the pace for the younger ministers of classis.

Rev. Bowling has been the pastor of St. Luke’s church, Kittanning, Pa., for thirty-five years; and Rev. Crum has been at Dubois thirty-four years. Both have led their members to erect beautiful temples of worship, which glorify God, and are a credit to his servants. The title of Doctor of Divinity has been bestowed upon Rev. Bowling, and Rev. Crum is worthy of the same honor.

As a matter of history Rev. Crum deserves great credit

for saving the Dubois mission. The fire of 1888 wiped out the business part of the town. The small congregation and the Board of Missions were discouraged, and decided to discontinue the mission. The board even opened another field for the pastor. But Rev. Crum had a correct vision of the future of Dubois, trusted in the help of the Lord, and had a General Grant-like determination to gain success. His reply to the overtures was, "Dubois is not dead. If it dies I will wait to bury it." By remaining in Dubois we have today a splendid church membership and a fine brown stone church, costing \$21,500.00

TABLE OF OFFICERS OF CLARION CLASSIS

Year	President	Stated Clerk	Treasurer
1851.....	Rev. D. B. Ernst.....	Rev. Samuel Miller.....	Elder Daniel Delo, Esq.
1852.....	Rev. L. D. Leberman.....	Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	Elder Daniel Delo, Esq.
1853.....	Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	Rev. H. F. Hartman.....	Elder John Crick
1854.....	Rev. L. D. Leberman.....	Rev. H. F. Hartman.....	Elder Adam Hepler
1855.....	Rev. D. B. Ernst.....	Rev. H. F. Hartman.....	Rev. Henry Hoffman
1856.....	Rev. Frederick Wise.....	Rev. H. F. Hartman.....	Elder A. HandsheW
1857.....	Rev. H. F. Hartman.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. Frederick Wise
1858.....	Rev. C. A. Limberg.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. L. D. Leberman
1859.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. Abner Dale.....	Rev. L. D. Leberman
1860.....	Rev. Lucian Cort.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. L. D. Leberman
1861.....	Rev. J. S. Shade.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. Abner Dale
1862.....	Rev. H. Daniel.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. E. D. Shoemaker
1863.....	Rev. C. A. Limberg.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. H. Apple
1864.....	Rev. J. H. Apple.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. H. Apple
1865.....	Rev. J. S. Shade.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. H. Apple
1866.....	Rev. M. N. Hockman.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. H. Apple
1867.....	Rev. W. G. Engle.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. H. Apple
1868.....	Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. H. Apple
1869.....	Rev. F. Wise.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. H. Apple
1870.....	Rev. J. J. Pennypacker.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker
1871.....	Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker
1872.....	Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker
1873.....	Rev. Jacob F. Wiant.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker
1874.....	Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher
1875.....	Rev. D. W. Wolf.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher
1876.....	Rev. J. J. Pennypacker.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher
1877.....	Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher
1878.....	Rev. John Wohlbach.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher
1879.....	Rev. A. K. Kline.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher
1880.....	Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher
1881.....	Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher
1882.....	Rev. John M. Evans.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher
1883.....	Rev. Robert C. Bowling.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher.....	Rev. D. S. Diefenbacher

1884	Rev. C. W. E. Siegle	Rev.	D. S. Dieffenbacher	Rev.	D. S. Dieffenbacher
1885	Rev. J. F. Wiant	Rev.	W. W. Deatrick	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1886	Rev. Samuel T. Wagner	Rev.	W. W. Deatrick	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1887	Rev. David B. Lady	Rev.	W. W. Deatrick	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1888	Rev. Samuel Z. Beam	Rev.	W. W. Deatrick	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1889	Rev. David B. Lady	Rev.	W. W. Deatrick	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1890	Rev. R. E. Crum	Rev.	W. W. Deatrick	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1891	Rev. Christian Gumbert	Rev.	W. W. Deatrick	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1892	Rev. J. F. Wiant	Rev.	Simon S. Miller	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1893	Rev. R. F. Gass	Rev.	Simon S. Miller	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1894	Rev. D. W. Kerr	Rev.	Simon S. Miller	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1895	Rev. J. F. Wiant	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1896	Rev. S. T. Wagner	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1897	Rev. R. C. Bowling	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1898	Rev. L. W. Showers	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1899	Rev. J. N. Naly	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1900	Rev. R. F. Gass	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1901	Rev. I. A. Sites	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1902	Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1903	Rev. H. D. Darbaker	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1904	Rev. C. W. Summey	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1905	Rev. R. F. Main	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1906	Rev. J. J. Wagoner	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1907	Rev. W. H. Kerschner	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1908	Rev. John M. Evans	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1909	Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1910	Rev. H. S. Nicholson	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1911	Rev. H. S. Garner	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1912	Rev. F. K. Stamm	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1913	Rev. C. B. Rebert	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1914	Rev. A. A. Black	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1915	Rev. E. M. Dietrich	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1916	Rev. D. J. Wolf	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1917	Rev. L. L. Leh	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1918	Rev. I. G. Snyder	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1919	Rev. L. O. Carbaugh	Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling
1920		Rev.	R. E. Crum	Rev.	Robt. C. Bowling

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS BY CLARION CLASSIS

1852	Frederick Wise	1880	R. C. Bowling
1855	Carl A. Limberg	1882	Joshua Wohlbach
1855	Casper Scheel	1882	J. S. Hartzell
1856	J. G. Shoemaker	1883	D. N. Harnish
1857	Abner Dale	1886	R. E. Crum
1857	Lucian Cort	1886	J. F. Mackley
1859	E. D. Shoemaker	1887	R. F. Gass
1860	D. O. Shoemaker	1889	A. M. Keifer
1862	Lucian J. Mayer	1893	D. W. Kerr
1862	Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher	1894	J. D. Hunsicker
1864	Wm. C. Houpt	1896	J. P. Bachman
1865	Jacob F. Snyder	1903	Wm. H. Kerschner
1867	J. J. Pennypacker	1905	Alexander Radacsy
1868	Lewis Christ	1909	Roy V. Hartman
1869	Jacob F. Wiant	1910	Fred K. Stamm
1873	D. S. Dieffenbacher	1911	H. A. Hartman
1874	John Dotterer	1911	Geo. L. Roth
1876	Alpha K. Kline	1912	E. M. Dietrich
1877	Moses H. Dieffenderfer	1913	A. S. Lenhart
1878	T. R. Dietz	1915	J. Iddings Lauffer
1879	John M. Evans	1916	L. O. Carbaugh
1879	Geo. A. Whitmore		

CLARION CLASSIS—1851

MINISTERS	Congregation	CHARGES	Members	Communion	Confirmed	By Letter	Baptized	Deaths	S. School	Eng. Minutes		Ger. Minutes		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
										1	10	1	10	
D. B. Ernst.....	4	Saegertown, Meadville, Pa.....	355	314	62	68	68	8	1	10	10	10	10	Saegertown, Pa.
S. Miller	5	Harmony, Pa.	519	875	.....	18	113	10	2	20	20	20	20	Zelinople, Pa.
H. Hoffman	4	St. Paul's, Salem, Union, St. Petersburg	360	280	10	.....	24	2	2	2	8	8	8	Jefferson Furnace, Pa.
L. D. Leberman	7	Red Bank, Zion, Temple, Pa.....	549	455	45	7	93	17	4	10	10	10	10	New Bethlehem, Pa.
J. C. Heinenman	6	Paul, Peter, Jacob, Etc	272	256	2	.....	47	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	Georgetown, Ohio
Geo. Wolf	4	St. Johns, Zion, Pa.....	255	240	18	15	49	2	5	10	4	.....	.....	Curtisville, Pa.
B. Boyer	3	Good Hope, St. John's, Pa.....	285	234	16	.....	300	6	.....	3	10	.....	.....	W. Greenville, Pa.
J. S. Shade	3	Tylersburg.....	50	40	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	4	1	.....	.....	Tylersburg, Pa.
H. F. Hartman	1	Erie.....	150	80	5	6	13	7	1	6	10	.....	.....	Erie, Pa.
M. A. Smith	6	Clarion, Pa.....	150	120	7	2	.....	.....	.....	10	6	.....	.....	Limestone, Pa.
Total	43	Total.....	2945	2394	165	49	713	60	15	71	79	.....	.....

CLARION CLASSIS—1862

MINISTERS		CHARGES										POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Congregations	Members	Baptisms	Confirmations	By Certificate	Communicants	Dismissions	Deaths	S. Schools	S. School Scholars	Contributions		
C. A. Limburg	4	Luthersburg	300	38	32	245	5	3			\$ 65.67	Troutville, Pa.		
F. Wise	2	South Bend	235	17	9	1 220	2	6	2	150	22.03	South Bend, Pa.		
J. G. Shoemaker	4	Curlsville, Pa.	179	15	5	4 170	4	5	3	130	81.88	Curlsville.		
J. S. Shade	5	Petersburg	476	42	26	2 354	2	8	4	200	37.90	Lamartine, Pa.		
H. Daniel	4	Red Bank	323	16	37	192		6	3		17.08	Kerr's Store, Pa.		
J. H. Apple	1	Rimersburg	70	11	6	2 50		4	1	40		Rimersburg, Pa.		
C. R. Diefenbacher	3	Kittanning	215	22	25	200		2	3	140	16.77	Rural Villare, Pa.		
E. D. Shoemaker		Without Charge										McConnellsburg, Pa.		
Totals	8	Total	1798	161	140	91481	8	32	19	660				

CLARION CLASSIS—1870

MINISTERS	Congregations	CHARGES	ADDRESS POST OFFICE													
			Confirmed Members	Unconfirmed Members	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificates	Communicants	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday Scholars	Benevolent Contributions		
Frederick Wise	2	Plum Creek	118	162	12	12	2	106			1			\$ 60.63	South Bend, Pa.	
J. G. Shoemaker	4	Curtisville	275	230	20	12	1	265			3	3	200	315.16	Curtisville, Pa.	
William C. Houpt	3	Tylersburg	90	84	5		6	76						30.00	Lineville, Pa.	
D. O. Shoemaker	4	Petersburg	490	475	40	20	2	400			12	4	200	203.00	Lamartine, Pa.	
J. J. Pennypacker	4	Kittanning	230	260	23	12	8	235			8	6	4	225	155.44	Dayton, Pa.
Louis Christ	4	Luthersburg	350		85	9		350			18	1	85	52.00	Troutville, Pa.	
J. F. Wiant	3	South Bend	186	176	40	32	12	181			2	3	2	145	352.53	Elderton, Pa.
Charles Knepper	1	Rimersburg	84	87	7			50			5	1	40	33.01	Rimersburg, Pa.	
	4	Red Bank	300	300	15		1	200					4	150	10.00	
	1	Zions Valley	38	60	6	8	6	32					1	56	21.25	
Totals	8		2211	1834	253	83	38	1395		5	48	20	1101	\$1233.02		

CLARION CLASSIS—1880

MINISTERS	Confirmed	CHARGES	Members		BAP- TISMS		Congregations	Certificate Ren'wl of Prof.	Communicants	Dismissed	Erasure of Names	Deaths	S. Schools	S. School Scholars	Students for Ministry	CONTRIBU- TIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Unconfirmed	Members	Infants	Adults										Benef. Purposes	Con- Purposes	
William C. Houpt.....	2	Tylersburg.....	49	32	2	2	.....	.....	20	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 6.28	.....	Lineville, Venango Co
D. S. Diefenbacher.....	2	Kittanning.....	268	210	23	8	13	15	241	1	13	2	2	150	1	193.00	1128.00	Kittanning, Pa.
John Wohlbach.....	2	Paradise.....	320	288	26	.....	.....	2	245	.....	18	13	2	119	.....	296.00	745.00	Troutville, Pa.
Alpha K. Kline.....	2	South Bend.....	225	191	18	4	9	6	222	1	3	4	2	264	.....	124.00*	630.00	Elderton, Pa.
W. C. B. Shulenderfer.....	1	St. Peter's.....	297	280	14	2	13	6	264	8	.....	7	1	160	.....	186.00	1276.00	St. Petersburg, Pa.
M. H. Diefenderfer.....	3	Plum Creek.....	168	123	8	4	15	1	161	3	3	6	1	85	.....	81.00	400.00	Elderton, Pa.
J. B. Thompson.....	4	Red Bank.....	355	175	23	1	4	5	253	.....	4	4	260	.....	275.00	800.00	Shannondale, Pa.	
I. R. Dietz.....	4	Jefferson.....	160	125	11	.....	.....	6	147	2	1	5	3	85	.....	121.00	550.00	Punxsutawney, Pa.
John M. Evans.....	4	Curlsville.....	261	150	34	2	6	13	238	3	1	10	4	163	.....	220.00	739.00	Curlsville, Pa.
Geo. A. Whitmore.....	3	St. John's.....	124	190	34	.....	3	11	124	3	.....	2	3	140	.....	58.00	570.00	Dayton, Pa.
R. C. Bowling.....	2	Emlenton.....	108	100	11	.....	6	.....	105	3	.....	3	2	209	.....	.....	750.00	Emlenton, Pa.
J. F. Wiant.....	2	Beaver.....	170	115	11	.....	18	5	155	3	.....	3	2	150	1	94.00	550.00	Monroe, Pa.
J. J. Pennypacker.....	.....	Without Charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rimersburg, Pa.
H. W. Hoffmeier.....	.....	Without Charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Middletown, Md.
Total.....	31	Total.....	2505	1979	215	16	87	70	2375	27	39	60	26	1785	2	\$1654.28	\$8638.00	

CLARION CLASSIS—1890

NAMES OF MINISTERS	CHARGES	CONTRIBUTIONS															POST OFFICE ADDRESS							
		No. of Congregations	Members		Unconfirmed Members	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations	Prof. Cert. of Renewals	Communicants	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Erased	Deaths	S. Schools	S. School Scholars		Students for Ministry	CONTRIBUTIONS		Church Papers	S. S. Papers		
																			Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes				
1. Robert C. Bowling	Kittanning	1	224	112	10	3	10	6	183	3				7	1	75	1	\$ 188.00	\$ 950.00	25	60	Kittanning, Pa.		
2. Jacob F. Wiant	Beaver	2	421	313	29		9	5	336	4				3	6	2	205	1	328.00	775.00	60	200	Monroe, Pa.	
3. W. W. Deatrick	Prin. Clar. Col. Inst.																						Rimersburg, Pa.	
4. S. T. Wagner	St. John's	3	136	112	11				108	4						2	135	1	254.00	472.00	15	50	Eddyville, Pa.	
5. David B. Lady	Curtsville	4	393	321	28	3	8	11	365	13			13	11	4	238		345.00	1600.00	50	100	Curtsville, Pa.		
6. Robert C. Crum	Dubois	2	90	89	16				5	11	86	2		14	1	2	100		65.00	675.00	10	40	Dubois, Pa.	
7. Richard F. Gass	Red Bank	4	333	168	18	7	7	328						2	7	4	308		274.00	875.00	34		West Milville, Pa.	
8. Christian Gumbert	South Bend	3	215	75	10	2	4	193	8						2	2	130		166.00	630.00			Girty, Pa.	
9. J. G. Shoemaker	Disabled																						Curtsville, Pa.	
10. Wm. C. Houpt	Disabled																						Venus, Pa.	
11. B. S. Metzger	Without Charge																						Punxsutawney, Pa.	
Vacant	St. Petersburg	1	255	200	9				180	4					2	1	90		28.00		12	50		
Vacant	Tionesta	1	35		2				28										16.00					
Vacant	Plum Creek	4	389	320	35	4	28	16	350	2					4	4	170		318.00	800.00	5	125		
Vacant	Paradise	3	443	344	11				369						14	7	2	85		228.00				
Vacant	Embleton	2	170	165					145						2	2	95				20	40		
Total 11	Totals	30	3104	2220	179	10	69	60	2671	40			46	49	26	1631			3	\$2210.00	\$7022.00	231	665	

CLARION CLASSIS—1900

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MINISTERS	CHARGES	CONGREGATIONS										POST OFFICE ADDRESS									
		Congregations	Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed	Inf. Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Cert. Renewal of Prof.	Dismissed	Ezra'sure	Deaths Comm.	Deaths, unconf.	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Benevolent purposes	Congregation purposes	Min. of Synod	Church papers	
Robert C. Bowling	Kittanning	1	236	179	146	10	1	16	7	7	19	5	1	1	16	108	\$ 233.00	\$ 1950.00	25	60	Kittanning, Pa.
Robert E. Crum	Dubois	3	313	269	290	9	...	5	2	4	5	...	3	35	166	218.00	1253.00	...	...	Dubois, Pa.	
Richard F. Gass	Red Bank	4	336	323	145	17	3	20	10	2	4	5	...	4	44	233	295.00	1613.00	20	30	Hawthorn, Pa.
David W. Kerr	St. John's	4	258	216	163	10	3	14	6	1	4	4	1	4	44	290	281.00	650.00	...	14	Worthville, Pa.
Lucian W. Showers	Plum Creek	4	318	245	276	26	1	4	1	...	...	8	3	3	30	191	326.00	630.00	20	9	Gastown, Pa.
John M. Naly	Apollo	1	156	119	119	6	...	5	10	18	9	2	4	1	12	84	112.00	1060.00	8	31	Apollo, Pa.
Henry D. Darbaker	Emblenton	2	230	203	109	5	3	7	3	6	1	...	2	25	177	309.00	1262.00	20	30	Emblenton, Pa.	
U. O. H. Kerschner	St. Petersburg	1	370	367	140	17	8	35	11	15	...	5	4	2	30	294	368.00	1545.00	20	30	St. Petersburg, Pa.
Lewis Reiter	Punxsutawney	1	50	48	38	1	...	6	7	2	...	1	...	1	12	100	61.00	258.00	8	...	Punxsutawney, Pa.
Francis M. Line	Corlsville	4	406	339	154	23	...	14	13	1	3	4	4	4	44	249	375.00	1140.00	24	26	Rimersburg, Pa.
Isaac A. Sites	South Bend	2	174	163	75	6	3	10	5	2	3	1	2	2	19	136	183.00	1248.00	10	...	South Bend, Pa.
E. H. Laubach	Beaver	2	432	295	243	17	1	8	2	2	19	5	...	2	28	149	474.00	461.00	20	...	Monroe, Pa.
Vacant	Mt. Union	1	31	26	48	3	1	5	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	18.00	95.00	7	4	West Valley, Pa.
Vacant	Paradise	2	459	340	192	10	1	23	...	6	...	6	1	...	...	...	103.00	1500.00	25	15	Troutville, Pa.
W. C. Hout	Within Charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Venus, Pa.
Totals	13	32	3769	3132	1381	160	25	153	81	73	77	52	22	29	339	2177	\$3556.00	\$14671	60	207	249

CLARION CLASSIS—1910

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MINISTERS	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NAMES OF CHARGES	CONGREGA- GATIONS	Congregations	MEMBERS			ADDITIONS					LOSSES				Marriages	Burials	SUNDAY SCHOOLS				Students for Ministry	CONTRIBU- TIONS		Minutes Wanted	
					Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed	Inf. Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	From Ref'd. Congregations	From Other Denominations	Renewal of Pledges	Dismissed	Excess of Names	Deaths of Communicants			Deaths of Unconfirmed	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholar Adult Home Dept. & C. R.		Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes		
W. C. Houpt.....	Venus, Pa.....	Without Charge			1 321	276	181	17	5	20	5	7	6	6	18		3	18	26		1	22	238	1	455.00	1875.00	20
R. C. Bowling.....	Kittanning, Pa.....	Kittanning.....	St. Luke's	1 180	150	84	4	6	14	1			1	4	4	1		3	1	1	14	125		318.00	1095.00		
R. E. Crum.....	Dubois, Pa.....	Dubois.....	St. Luke's	1 165	143	147	9	1	10		2		1	3	4	1	2	5	1	15	120		190.00	672.00			
			Emanuel's	1 34	28	31	2					2		1	1		1	1	1	12	89		50.00	64.00			
H. O. H. Kerschner	Punxsutawney, Pa.	Punxsutawney	St. Peter's	1 185	170	110	8	3	24	3	2	1	5	18	5	3	5	14	1	22	248		250.00	1385.00	12		
L. C. Edmonds.....	Canaan, Ohio.....	Without Charge																									
W. H. Kerschner.....	Rural Valley, Pa.	Plum Creek.....	St. Paul's	1 140	110	93	6	1	2			1	3	2	3	1	2	5	1	11	115		179.00	362.00			
			St. Thomas'	1 129	124	77	5		7	2	1		2	2	2	3	3	5	1	9	80		121.00	315.00			
			Grace	1 38	26	27	1							9	1			1	1	8	49		40.00	125.00			
J. M. Evans.....	Hawthorne, Pa.....	Red Bank.....	Zion	1 92	83		7	2	4	1	1		4	5	2	1	2	3	1	10			242.00	375.00			
			Nevin Memorial	1 69	66	28						1	1					1	1	12			163.00	417.00			
			St. Luke's	1 66	57	19	4					6	1			1	3	1	9				160.00	391.00			
			Grace	1 75	66	33										1	2	1	16	15			169.00	236.00			
H. S. Nicholson.....	Monroe, Pa.....	Beaver.....	St. Paul's	1 297	232	124	7		7		1	1	3	2	5		2	8	1	32	291		510.00	930.00	20		
			St. Mark's	1 228	172	84	3	1	7	1	5	1	6	1	3		6	3	1	19	175		518.00	632.00	15		
D. W. Kerr.....	Apollo, Pa.....	Apollo.....	First Reformed	1 189	149	90	8	2	5	3	3	1	10	4	3	1	2	8	1	31	335		287.00	1057.00	20		
A. C. Renoll.....	St. Petersburg, Pa.	St. Petersburg	St. Peter's	1 326	310	110	11	6	16				6	8	9	8	1	5	9	1	17	157		537.00	1700.00	12	
			Trinity	1 32	22	28						1				1		1	1	10	45		57.00	293.00			
S. C. Long.....	Emlenton, Pa.....	Emlenton.....	St. John's	1 86	78	76	5	2	2	2			1	15	2		2	4	1	9	66		238.00	586.00	12		
			Salem	1 128	108	90	3		4				5	4	3			2	3	1	10	94		237.00	804.00		
C. R. Hartman.....	Troutville, Pa.....	Paradise.....	Trinity	1 228	156	50	4	3	16	1	2	3	7		2	1			1	15	124		315.00	804.00	10		
			Paradise	1 174	143	40	7	4	20	1	1	3	1		2	1			1	12	115		270.00	490.00	10		
R. V. Hartman.....	Rimersburg, Pa.	Rimersburg	Jerusalem	1 157	150		12	3	16		5	9	3	13	3		6	10	1	19	183		304.00	3257.00	25		
			Widnoon	1 91	38		3									1		2	4	1	15	118		100.00	325.00	20	
			Mt. Zion	1 31	30				3	3										1	9		25.00	115.00	9		
H. S. Garner.....	Dayton, Pa.....	Salem.....	Salem	1 90	66	51	6					1			3		2		1	8	46		104.00	120.00	6		
			Mt. Union	1 48	30	27	2	1	1	2									1	8	40		49.00	70.00	6		
			Belknap	1 60	58	39	7	1	3	3		1			1	1			1	8	32		55.00	88.00	6		
			Eddyville	1 39	35	33	1												1	8	29		40.00	65.00	6		
Vacant.....		South Bend.....	St. Jacob's	1 86	62	15				1				2					1	9			70.00	249.00			
			Zion's Valley	1 42	37	12	1	1	1	1		1		1	1			1					42.00	117.00			
			Mt. Union	1 28		11										1								59.00			
Vacant.....		St. John's.....	St. John's	1 86	74	42	3	1	11				6	2	2	11	3	1	14	78			89.00	164.00	6		
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CLARION CLASSIS STATISTICS 1920

Congregations	30
Communicants	3550
Communed	2721
Unconfirmed	1808
Infant Baptisms	168
Adult Baptisms	27
Confirmed	102
By Certificate	53
By Renewal	37
Dismissed	78
Names Erased	134
Deaths, Communicants	63
Deaths, Unconfirmed	17
Sunday Schools	26
Officers and Teachers.....	352
Scholars	3548
Members Young Peoples' Societies.....	234
For Home Missions.....	\$ 2797.00
For Foreign Missions.....	2639.00
For Education	401.00
For other Benevolences.....	7304.00
For Congregational Purposes.....	18309.00

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF MINISTERS
 IN CLARION CLASSIS

ROBERT C. BOWLING



Robert C. Bowling, D. D., son of William F. and Susan (Fisher) Bowling, was born near Fairfield, Adams County, Pa., Dec. 4th, 1851; educated at the Irwin Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1876, Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1879; licensed by Westmoreland Classis, June 2d, 1879; supplied the Reformed church in Allegheny City for three months; ordained and installed as pastor of the Emlenton charge by a committee of Clarion Classis: Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, W. C. B. Schulenberger, J. B. Thompson, Geo. A. Whitmore, and T. R. Dietz, Jan. 7th, 1880. Married Miss Alice Catherine Heeter, at Monroe, Clarion County, Pa., June 8th, 1881—one son, Frederick Fisher Bowling. Pastorates: Emlenton charge, Pa., Nov. 9th, 1879, to 1885; Kittanning, Pa., 1885..... President of Clarion Classis and of Pittsburgh Synod; treasurer of Clarion Classis, thirty-four years. One of the directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, twenty years; member of Synod's board of missions, twenty-five years; delegate to general synod four times; member of Theta Chapter, Phi Beta Kappa society; received the degree of D. D. from Franklin and Marshall college, June 7th, 1911, and from the University of Pittsburgh, June 14th, 1916.

LEE O. CARBAUGH

L. O. Carbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carbaugh, was born near Mummasburg, Adams County, Pa., Oct. 15th, 1889; educated at Franklin and Marshall Academy, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1916; licensed by Gettysburg Classis, May, 1916; ordained



and installed pastor of the Salem charge by a committee of Clarion Classis: Revs. R. C. Bowling, D. D., and Albert A. Black, Aug. 17th, 1916. Married Miss A. Ruth Nouss, of Arendtsville, Pa., daughter of J. A. Nouss, Aug. 24th, 1914. One son, Justus Lee Carbaugh, born Feb. 26th, 1919. Pastorate: Salem charge, Clarion Classis 1916.....

WILLIAM HENRY COGLEY

William Henry Cogley, B. D., son of Samuel Elgin and Laura (Ehenger) Cogley, was born near Kittanning, Pa., Jan. 2d, 1887; educated at Kittanning schools, Muskingum College, O., and Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1915; licensed by Clarion Classis, at Oak Ridge, May 28th, 1915; ordained by West Susquehanna



Classis, and installed pastor of the Freeburg charge by a committee consisting of Revs. H. A. Robb, Leon S. Drumheller, and F. W. Brown, June 29th, 1915. Served as student supply at South Bend, Plum Creek and Greencastle. Pastorates: Freeburg charge, 1915-1917; Paradise charge, 1917..... Married to Miss Maybelle Stewart, of Canisteo, R. D., N. Y. Three children: Roberta Maybelle, Dorothy Gertrude, and Wilma Aleene.

ROBERT E. CRUM



Robert E. Crum, son of Jonathan and Hannah (Allshouse) Crum, was born near South Bend, Armstrong County, Pa., May 30th, 1854; educated in Elderton Academy. Clarion Collegiate Institute, and Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1886; licensed by Clarion Classis May 15th, 1886; ordained by Revs. D. B. Lady,

D. D., J. F. Wiant, B. S. Metzger, and Elders Jere Switzer and P. J. Shoemaker, May 15th, 1886. Became pastor at

Dubois June 1st, 1886. Married to Miss Lowella George, daughter of Jacob F. and Eliza Jane (Morgan) George, Jan. 29th, 1880. Two children: M. Clare, and Olive Crum. Stated clerk of Clarion Classis since 1914. President of Clarion Classis and Pittsburgh Synod. 1912

EMORY M. DIETRICH

Emory M. Dietrich, son of D. A. and Emeline Dietrich, was born near Hublersburg, Pa., Aug. 9th, 1883; educated at Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1912; member of athletic, musical and dramatic teams; winner of Schaff Church History prize of \$100; licensed by West Susquehanna Classis, May 20th, 1912; ordained and installed pastor of Red Bank charge by Revs. R. V. Hartman, and H. A. Hartman: committee of Clarion Classis, June 28th, 1912. Commissioned chaplain, June 13th, 1918—rank of First Lieutenant—in 154 Depot Brigade; discharged Dec. 13th, 1918. Director of St. Paul's Orphans' Home and president of Sunday School Board. Married to Mrs. Mary C. Sloan, of Hawthorn, Pa., Mar. 20th, 1916—two children: Jay, and Margaret Sloan Dietrich. Pastorates: Red Bank, 1912-1916; Punxsutawney, 1916....



JOSEPH JOHN GILBERT



Joseph John Gilbert, son of John and Elizabeth Gilbert, was born in Worcestershire, England, May 17th, 1880; educated at the Elementary School, and the Methodist Theological Seminary, England; licensed by Allegheny Classis, Sept. 29th, 1919; ordained in St. John's church, Emlenton, Pa., and installed pastor of the

Emlenton charge by a committee of Clarion Classis: Revs.

C. B. Rebert, I. G. Snyder, and H. D. Darbaker, D. D., Dec. 31st, 1919. Married to Miss Florence Westwood, of England, Aug. 3d, 1916. One child: Florence Elizabeth Gilbert.

ALFRED J. HERMAN

Alfred J. Herman, son of Dr. A. C. and Alice E. Herman, born at Topton, Pa., Aug. 15th, 1883; educated at Lansdale High School, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1907; licensed at the annual meeting of Tohickon Classis, 1907; ordained and installed pastor of Mainville charge by Revs. Irwin M. Bachman, and Robt. O'Boyle, a committee of East Susquehanna Classis, June 13th, 1907. His grandfather, great-grandfather, and great, great-grandfather were ministers of the Reformed church. The latter, Rev. L. F. Herman, D. D., was sent to America as a missionary by the Synod of Holland. He labored at Falkner Swamp, Pa., and prepared five of his sons and others for the ministry. Pastorates: Mainville charge, Pa., 1907-1909; Utica, Md., 1909-1915; Hyndman, Pa., 1915-1916; Glade, Pa., 1916-1918; Rimersburg, 1918.....



CHARLES BERNARD REBERT



Charles Bernard Rebert, son of Jonas and Emma Lorette Rebert, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Adams County, Pa., Sept. 17th, 1872; educated in Edge Hill Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, and Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1900; licensed by Gettysburg Classis, May 28th, 1900; ordained and installed pastor of the Stoyestown charge by Revs. A. R. Kremer, D. D., and Hiram King, D. D., a

committee of Somerset Classis, Dec. 2d, 1900. Married to Miss Ida Emma Crapster, of Brentwood, Prince George's County, Md., Sept. 12th, 1900. Children: Ruth Rebert Ryan, a foster child, and one son, Elman Jonas Rebert. Pastorates: Stoyestown, Pa., 1900-1907; Fairview charge, Pa., 1907-1911; and St. Petersburg, Pa., 1911.....

HERMAN GEARY SNYDER



Herman Geary Snyder, son of Samuel S. and Katie B. (Stilzell) Snyder, was born near Williamsport, Md., Aug. 17th, 1882; educated at Mercersburg Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, and Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1913; licensed by Maryland Classis, May 19th, 1913; ordained and installed pastor of the Beaver charge, by Revs. E. T. Rhodes, and J. A. Ditzler of the West Susquehanna Classis, May 30th, 1913. Married to Miss Mary Emma Hartranft, June 4th, 1908. Children: Addie Katherine, Mary Gladys, Freda May, Samuel Hartranft, and Robert Henry Snyder. Pastorates: Beaver Springs, Pa., 1913-1916; Red Bank, Pa., 1916.....

IRWIN GEORGE SNYDER

Irwin George Snyder, son of R. Samuel and Harriet (Fellnagle) Snyder was born near Hadley, Mercer County, Pa., Oct. 11th, 1882; educated at Fredonia Institute, Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1909, and Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1912; licensed by St. Paul's Classis, May 22d, 1912; ordained and installed pastor of Grace Church, Duquesne, Pa., by a committee of Allegheny Classis: Revs. Lewis Robb, D. D., and Horace Shiffer, July 2d, 1912. Mar-



ried to Miss Malinda E. Schaff, of Greensburg, Pa., June 12th, 1912. Three children: Nevin Schaff, Elmeda, and Harriet Susannah. Director of St. Paul's Orphans' Home; delegate to General Synod, 1920. Pastorates: Grace Church, Duquesne, Pa., 1912-1915; Beaver charge, Pa., 1915.....

DAVID J. WOLF

David J. Wolf, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wolf, was born at Carlisle Springs, Cumberland County, Pa., Dec. 31st, 1866; educated at the Shipensburg State Normal School, Mersersburg Academy, Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1896; licensed by Carlisle Classis, at Newport, Pa., May, 1896; ordained and installed pastor of the Ruffsdale charge by Revs. E. D. Meixell and W. H. Tussing, a committee of Westmoreland Classis, Sept. 20th, 1896. Built parsonages at Ruffsdale, Walkersville, Taneytown—raising funds for one at Apollo; president of Maryland and Clarion Classis, and Pittsburgh Synod; member of board of education, also on Society of Relief of Ministers and their Widows. Pastorates: Ruffsdale, Pa., 1896-1898; Walkersville, Md., 1898-1904; Taneytown, Md. 1904-1915; Apollo, Pa., 1915.....



HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF CHARGES AND CONGREGATIONS IN CLARION CLASSIS

KITTANNING CHARGE

St. Luke's Congregation

St. Luke's (Reformed) Church was organized by Rev. J. F. Wiant, Aug. 30th, 1869. The following persons entered the organization:

Mr. and Mrs. David Knoble	Mrs. Susannah King
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moesta	Mrs. J. B. Donaldson
Mr. and Mrs. D. Stoelzing	Mrs. Susan Furnee
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfaff	Mrs. Hannah Hague
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith	Miss Barbara Evans
Mr. and Mrs. R. Volkwein	Miss Nancy Evans
Mr. and Mrs. L. Stoelzing	Mr. Leonard Karnes
Mr. and Mrs. John Bargerstock	Mr. Justus Lebenstein
Mrs. Anna M. Baum	

All were present at the first communion except Mrs. Hannah Hague.

The officers were: Elders: David Knoble and Ford Smith; Deacons: Fred Moesta and D. Stoelzing.

The first building, on Jacob St., was purchased from the Campbellites, in 1870, for \$2500. To pay for the property Rev. Wiant received aid from the South Bend, Salem, Red Bank, Beaver, Curllsville, St. Petersburg, and Paradise charges.

The corner stone of the present edifice, on North McKean St., was laid Nov. 17th, 1900. Rev. S. B. Mase, of Greensburg, Pa., delivered the sermon. The church was dedicated Feb. 23d, 1902. The cost of the building and lot was \$28,500. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher. The other ministers present were Revs. L. C. Edmonds, L. W. Showers, E. H. Laubach, and D. S. Stephan. Rev. Paul S. Leinbach preached in the evening. During the previous week addresses



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were delivered by Revs. I. A. Sites, H. D. Darbaker, J. N. Bauman, D. B. Lady, and D. A. Souders.

The following pastors served this charge :

Rev. Jacob F. Wiant.....	1868—1871
Rev. L. B. Leasure.....	1871—1872
Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher.....	1872—1885
Rev. Robert C. Bowling.....	1885—

St. Luke's congregation has given three of its members to the Gospel ministry: Revs. Lewis Reiter, A. O. Reiter, and Wm. H. Cogley.

During 1911-12 Kittanning suffered severely from a destructive wind storm and flood. The members of the church suffered heavy loss.

In the World War the congregation had twenty-six men in the army—two of whom lost their lives.

From 1869—1880 St. Luke's received aid from the Board of Home Missions.

From 1880-1890 the Kittanning charge consisted of St. Luke's and Mt. Union (Davis) congregations. After helping to erect and pay for a new church at Mt. Union, St. Luke's was constituted a self-supporting charge. Their beautiful temple glorifies God and is a credit to the devotion and sacrifice of the members and pastor of the church. The members number 320.

The following are the members of the Consistory :

Elders:

S. W. Furnee
F. S. Knoble
Henry Bauer
Chas R. Moesta

Deacons:

Chris. Bauer
D. W. Smith
C. E. Beck
A C. Hays
J. M. Hays
J. M. McCanna
H. P. Sowers
Jacob Maxeiner, Jr.

SALEM CHARGE

*Salem, Belknap, Mt. Union, Eddyville, and St. Paul's
Congregations.*

The Salem Congregation.

As early as 1844 services were held in the Schaum schoolhouse by Revs. Henry Knepper and L. D. Leberman; and about 1850 an organization was effected, and Rev. Frederick Wise became pastor. As the records of the congregation were lost in a fire, we have to depend on the memories of the oldest residents. In 1856 the congregation desired to build a new church, but the members could not agree as to a location. Some preferred the old site, others a cross-roads. Rev. Wise suggested that two subscription books be circulated; and the one that secured the most money should have the choice of a location. The cross-roads advocates had the most money. Then it is claimed Rev. Wise violated his promise—insisting that the building should be located on the old site. He then demanded the two parties place their subscription books in his hands, which they did, that he might decide the location. His verdict was in favor of the old site. The defeated party decided to build a church of their own, and gave the contract to Jacob Unger. When the time came to lay the corner stone, Rev. Wise refused to have anything do with it. The people then invited a Clarion County pastor, to lay the corner stone. Rev. Wise warned him off the field. The people then secured a Lutheran minister to officiate, and accepted the Lutheran constitution in 1858. The remainder of the congregation built a church, which was used until the pastorate of Rev. Geo. A. Whitmore, when the present edifice was erected.

The pastors, not already mentioned were:

Revs. E. D. Shoemaker, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. S. Dieffenbacher, A. M. Keifer, C. W. Summey, D. I. Shaffer, D. W. Kerr, H. S. Garner, and L. O. Carbaugh, the present pastor. The latter was ordained and installed in

this congregation Aug. 17th, 1916. This congregation remodeled the church at an expense of \$1000, in 1918. The following are the officers:

Elders: J. M. Schreckengost, Ben Hill, George McMillen.

Deacons: Samuel Wingard, Frederick Gerhold

Trustees: Geo. McMillen, W. P. Lauster, Robert Ramer.

Belknap Congregation

This congregation was organized by Rev. L. D. Leberman in the year 1850 under the most discouraging circumstances. Isaac Rumbaugh was elected elder for an indefinite period, and while serving in this capacity was removed by death. The vacancy was filled by the election and ordination of Adam Baughman. An election also was held for two deacons which resulted in the election and ordination of Henry Bargerstock and Reuben Rupp. The labors of Rev. Leberman closed in 1856 after which the congregation was supplied by Rev. J. G. Shoemaker and Rev. F. Wise. In 1859 the Kittanning charge embracing the Belknap (St. John's), Salem and Mt. Union congregations was formed. On the 4th day of March in the year 1860 Rev. E. D. Shoemaker entered upon his duties as pastor of the charge. He was ordained and installed in the presence of this congregation April 11th, 1860.

In May, 1862, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher accepted a call as pastor of this charge.

On April 1st, 1865, Rev. J. F. Snyder became pastor of the charge. On Aug. 4th, 1867, Licentiate J. J. Pennypacker accepted a call and was ordained and installed at Belknap on Sept. 14th, 1867.

After the pastorate of Rev. Pennypacker it appears that the charge was vacant for some time, as Rev. James Grant held communion quite frequently, according to the records which are incomplete. The Rev. Geo. A. Whitmore came into the charge about 1880 and labored faithfully until succeeded by Rev. S. T. Wagner. There is no record of the pastorate of Rev. Wagner, but some time

after, or at the end of his pastorate, the congregation was disbanded, and the members went to Eddyville, Salem, and many to the Concord Presbyterian Church, close by. The church building was left to the mercy of the elements and later sold for a private property.

But when Rev. D. W. Kerr became pastor, the interest was revived, a new church erected, and dedicated Jan. 30th, 1898. Rev. R. C. Bowling preached the sermon; in the evening Rev. S. T. Wagner preached. The successors of Rev. Kerr were Revs. C. W. Summey, D. I. Shaffer, H. S. Garner, and L. O. Carbaugh, the present pastor.

Consistory for 1920:

Deacons: Albert Weaver, John Neal, Boyd Doverspike.

Elders: W. A. Rumbaugh, John Best, William Doverspike

Trustees: William Doverspike, Robert Bussard, Jacob Best.

Mt. Union Congregation

The Mt. Union congregation was organized about 1851. The church was built and the constitution accepted on June 28th, 1851. The Rev. L. D. Leberman was the first pastor.

After Rev. Leberman left, this congregation was without a regular pastor for two or more years until Mar. 6th, 1860, when Rev. E. D. Shoemaker took up the work in the Kittanning charge. The records show that Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher was pastor at the time Clarion Classis met in this church, June 1st, 1862. Rev. J. F. Snyder accepted a call Apr. 1st, 1865. On Aug. 15th, 1867, Rev. J. J. Pennypacker entered upon the duties of the charge as pastor. Rev D. S. Dieffenbacher came into the charge about 1872.

Some time after this the congregation was taken from the Kittanning charge and connected with the Salem charge. The later ministers were: Revs. D. I. Shaffer, H. S. Garner, and the present pastor, L. O. Carbaugh, whose pastorate began the 18th of June, 1916. The pres-

ent membership is 49, and the consistory as follows:

Elders: John Adams, John McElwain, Alexander McElwain.

Deacons: Charles Runyan, Irwin McElwain, Samuel Waugaman.

Eddyville Congregation

This congregation was organized by Rev. Leberman about 1851. The ministers serving this congregation were the same as those serving St. John's and Salem; as this congregation has been shifted from one charge to the other from time to time. Revs. D. I. Shaffer, H. S. Garner, and present pastor, L. O. Carbaugh, served the charge during the last fifteen or twenty years. The present pastorate began June 18th, 1916. The number of members at present is 43, and the present consistory is as follows:

Elders: A. C. Smith, Henry Hollenbaugh, A. T. Brocious.

Deacons: Claude Doverspike, John B. H. Hoffman.

St. Paul's Congregation.

This congregation is supplied by Rev. Carbaugh.

Services were first held in this community in a school-house and later a congregation was organized about 1850, but by whom we are unable to find out. The church is situated about one mile from Blanco.

Mr. Noah Boyer was the first elder and Christopher Wingard the first deacon. The first buildings that were erected have long since been replaced and at present they have a new building which cost about \$3,500. Rev. J. I. Lauffer was present at the corner stone laying, August, 1916. This beautiful church was dedicated Nov. 9th, 1919. Revs. R. E. Crum and C. B. Rebert were present on this occasion. It was dedicated without debt and with a balance in the treasury.

We are unable to give dates of the succession of pastors, but the following are the names and the approximate length of each pastorate: Rev. J. F. Wiant, seven and one-half years; Rev. A. K. Kline, eight years; Rev. A. C.

Snyder, two years; Rev. A. M. Keifer, one year, Rev. W. H. Kerschner, ten and one-half years.

This congregation has had many trials but the courage of a few good members has carried it through. They have been without a regular pastor since the resignation of Rev. Kerschner, and have had a congregational split since the new church was started, but we feel that the good people that pushed the project through have been a savior to that congregation and a blessing to the community.

The present membership is estimated at about 100, and the officers for this year are as follows:

Elders: J. E. Hawkins, T. B. Wingard, Milton Boyer.

Deacons: Orman Boyer, Irvin Rearick, Charles Wingard.

PARADISE CHARGE

Trinity and Paradise Congregations

Trinity Congregation

The earliest history of this congregation is incomplete, as many of the records cannot be found. But we have gleaned the following facts: About 1827 Rev. John Althouse came from Armstrong County, and preached where ever the people could be gathered together—in homes, barns, such as the Aurand barn and in the Luther Tavern, at Luthersburg, Pa. About 1833 a congregation was organized—composed of Reformed and Lutheran people—called the “Evangelisch Vereint.” In 1842 a “hewn log” church was erected close to what is now Union cemetery.

Rev. John Althouse was the first pastor, followed by Revs. Ferdinand Englebach and John C. Henneman. In 1851 Rev. Brandt, a “Missouri Synod” Lutheran, became the pastor. Under his influence the Lutherans withdrew and erected a church of their own. The old church was sold at auction for \$155. The Reformed people erected a church a little northwest of the old church—the corner stone was laid in 1853, and the church was dedicated in 1854, as “*Dreieinigkeits Kirche*” (Trinity



ORIGINAL REFD. CHURCH—CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PA.

Church). This was the first Reformed church in Clearfield County, Pa. The place is known as "Trinity Place," and a memorial marker was unveiled Sept. 20th, 1910—Rev. R. E. Crum of Dubois, P. S. Weber, and G. J. Weber of Troutville, were the principal speakers.

The charter members—who constitute the first communion roll, subscribed their names to the constitution, adopted Oct. 23d, 1853. The constitution and signatures are in German.

The first consistory was composed of Carl August Limberg, pastor, and George Heinrich Lott, elder, and Johann Jacob Weber, deacon.

The membership and territory of the congregation became so large, that Clarion Classis was petitioned in 1891 to organize a congregation at Lutherburg, Pa., at present a part of the Dubois charge. Owing to the coal developments the property was sold in 1892. The corner stone of the new church in Troutville was laid in 1891, and the building dedicated in 1892—Rev. Dr. Stahr of Lancaster, Pa., preaching the sermon. The property is valued at \$4000. The majority of the members of St. Peter's church, Dubois, came from old "Mother Trinity." The present membership numbers 227. The consistory for 1920 is: Rev. William H. Cogley, B. D., pastor; H. M. Kuntz, and J. W. Haag, elders; J. H. Lott, secretary; H. W. Bonsall, treasurer; Paul E. Schoch, and Cyrus Haag, deacons.

Paradise Congregation

The history of this congregation is closely related to that of Trinity. The Rev. John Althouse preached in this locality in 1827. The Connely barn was one of the frequent meeting places. A congregation was organized of Reformed and Lutheran people in 1833 or 1834. A "hewn log church" was built in 1842, called a "Union Church"—at a place now known as Union Cemetery. About 1873 the Lutherans built a church of their own, and two years later the Reformed people also built a

church close by. The corner stone was laid in 1875, and the church, costing \$3000, was dedicated in 1876.

In the early history of the Paradise charge it was known as the Clearfield charge, consisting of four congregations, viz: Trinity, Clearfield County; Paradise and Punxsutawney, Jefferson County, and "Little Round Top", Indiana County. About 1855 or 1856 during the pastorate of Rev. C. A. Limberg, a parsonage was erected at Troutville, and in 1901 the present one was built on the same lot.

The pastors traveled over this large territory mostly on horseback.

In 1876 Clarion Classis divided the charge, Trinity and Paradise congregations forming the present Paradise charge. The Rev. John Wohlbach became the first pastor of the new charge. The membership of the Paradise congregation at the time the new church was built (1876) was 43 and the present membership is 157.

Miss B. Catherine Pifer, our missionary to Japan, is a member of this congregation.

The 1920 consistory is as follows: Rev. William H. Cogey, B. D., pastor; Elders: W. T. Pifer and P. C. Muth, who is also secretary; Deacons: Charles J. Pifer, Joseph W. Trithart, Ira C. Reed, and Miles Zufall; Treasurer, Henry F. Trithart.

Roster of Ministers to date:

Rev. John Althaus.....	1827—1845
Rev. J. Ferdinand Englebach.....	1845—1848
Rev. John Chas. Henneman.....	1848—1851
Rev. Brandt (Lutheran).....	1851—1852
Rev. Carl August Limberg.....	1854—1864
Rev. Herman Bielfeldt	1864—1865
Rev. Paul Wald.....	1865—1866
Rev. Louis Christ	1866—1870
Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier.....	1870—1873
Vacancy	1873—1876
Rev. John Wohlbach.....	1876—1884
Rev. B. S. Metzger.....	1884—1889

Rev. J. F. Wiant.....	1890—1896
Rev. J. P. Bachman.....	1896—1899
Rev. S. C. Stover.....	1900—1903
Rev. H. N. Smith.....	1904—1908
Rev. C. R. Hartman.....	1909—1912
Rev. Albert A. Black.....	1912—1917
Rev. William H. Cogley.....	1917—

DUBOIS CHARGE

St. Peter's, Emmanuel and St. Luke's.

St. Peter's Congregation.

Services were held in Dubois occasionally by Revs. A. K. Kline, Hiram King, J. M. Evans and others. The organization was effected in 1880 by the committee on missions, of Clarion Classis, consisting of Revs. J. F. Wiant, George A. Whitmore, and Elder John Peterman. About eighteen persons entered the organization, among whom were the following: Joseph Pentz, P. S. Weber, P. B. Weaver, A. F. Leshner, Mrs. A. F. Leshner, Barbara Pifer, Susan Pifer, W. E. Pifer, David Waldron, Mrs. David Waldron, and Jonas Fox. Original records were lost in the fire of 1888.

For two years the congregation was supplied by Revs. J. J. Pennypacker, Hiram King, and others. Rev. D. H. Leader became pastor in Feb. 1882, and erected the first church. The corner stone was laid July 1st, 1883, Rev. Theodore Apple, D. D., preaching the sermon. The church was dedicated Nov. 30th, 1883—sermon by Rev. E. E. Higbee, D. D. The cost was \$5,200.

The present beautiful brown-stone church was erected during the pastorate of Rev. R. E. Crum. The corner stone was laid Aug. 6th, 1911—Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner preaching the sermon. The first service was held in the basement Jan. 7th, 1912—sermon preached by Rev. R. C. Bowling. The pastor, Rev. Crum, conducted the first service in the auditorium Dec. 29th, 1912. The following ministers preached during the week prior to the dedication: Revs. A. A. Black, H. S. Garner, H. S. Nicholson, U. O. H. Kerschner, and J. V. Bell, D. D. The dedica-



ST. PETER'S REFD. CHURCH, DUBOIS, PA.

tion took place Jan. 5th, 1913. Rev. Lewis Robb, D. D., preached the dedicatory sermon in the forenoon; Rev. R. C. Bowling, D. D., preached in the evening. The building cost \$21,500. A parsonage was built in 1892, at an expense of \$2500.

On June 18th, 1888, fire destroyed the business portion of the town. The membership at that time was 49—many of whom lost their homes and much of their personal property. The present membership is 184.

Consistory for 1920:

Elders: L. D. Weber, J. F. Kelly, and J. T. Foltz.

Deacons: W. C. Miller, F. T. Hartzfeld, and M. V. Zillioux.

St. Luke's Congregation.

This congregation was originally part of Trinity church near Troutville, Pa. When that congregation decided to move to Troutville, about ninety members asked permission to organize at Luthersburg. Classis granted permission. Rev. J. F. Wiant effected the organization Jan. 1st, 1892. A church was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Wiant at a cost of \$6,000. The corner stone was laid Aug. 9th, 1891—Rev. R. E. Crum preaching the sermon. The dedication took place Jan. 31, 1892—the sermon was preached by Rev. Crum. St. Luke's became a part of the Dubois charge, by reconstruction, July 1894. The present membership is 178. The congregation owns a third interest in the parsonage at Dubois. Consistory for 1920:

Elders: Elias Shugarts, and James A. Arnold.

Deacons: Bryon Passmore and G. A. Marshall.

Emmanuel's Congregation

Services were held occasionally in a schoolhouse near the church, by Revs. A. K. Kline and T. R. Dietz, H. W. Hoffmeier, and John Wohlbach. Rev. D. H. Leader organized the congregation with thirteen members, Aug. 5th, 1882. The following persons entered the organization: Wm. Beer and wife, Mary Beer, Jacob Beer and wife, Ida Beer, George Beer, E. Clark Peterman, Mrs. Rhoda Bundy, Mrs. Sarah E. Bundy, James Burns, Mrs. Salinda Burns, Charles Shoemaker, Mary Shoemaker, and Woroy Shoemaker.

Mr. Wm. Beer was elected elder, and Charles Shoemaker, deacon.

In Sept., 1883, ground was broken for a church, and in less than nine weeks, the first service was conducted in it. The church was dedicated by the pastor, Rev. D. H. Leader on June 22d, 1884—Rev. J. M. Evans preaching the sermon.

In 1888 the property narrowly escaped destruction by a forest fire that raged near by. The congregation has

made little progress, having only twenty-seven members in 1920. It has, however, a splendid Sunday School and a fine Christian Endeavor Society. Pastors of the Du-bois charge:

Rev. D. H. Leader.....	1882—1884
Rev. Wm. M. Andrews.....	1884—1885
Rev. Robt. E. Crum.....	1886—

PUNXSUTAWNEY CHARGE

St. Peter's Reformed Church

The history of this congregation dates back to 1838, when the surrounding country was almost an unbroken forest and sparsely inhabited. The incoming emigrants from eastern counties and from Germany soon gave rise to the organization of a congregation near the village of Punxsutawney, by Rev. John Althouse, who lived in the vicinity of Punxsutawney from 1826 to 1845. The field of this missionary extended over parts of Jefferson, Armstrong, Indiana, and Clearfield counties. The first congregation was a union of Reformed and Lutheran settlers organized in 1838. It was not until 1848, however, that a permanent building was erected on the site of the present church. An acre of ground was purchased from Dr. John W. Jenks for ten dollars. The members set to work to clear it for the building and the cemetery adjoining. Burials were made as early as 1852. Prominent among these early families were the Smiths, Haags, Hoehs, Webers, Wingerts, Spindlers, Sprows, and Conrads. The first church was of log, considerably smaller than the present one, and was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Ferdinand Englebach, the second pastor. The pulpit was set high up, the pastor mounting it by means of stairs. One aisle ran through the center of the room, with pews on both sides fastened to the walls. An interesting custom in vogue was the use of a long pole with a cloth bag suspended for receiving the collections. Be-

neath the bag a small bell was suspended which was rung when a member slept or failed to contribute.

In 1853 dissatisfaction arose between the Lutherans and Reformed, and the Lutherans withdrew, erecting a building for themselves on the present site of the new German Lutheran church. In 1872 the old log church was weather-boarded and overhauled, and stood until 1888 when the present building was erected by the Rev. Dietz. The fortunes of the Reformed church have been varied, at times flourishing, and again at a standstill.

At the close of Rev. J. F. Wiant's pastorate (1893-95) the congregation was without a pastor until 1901. Our mission board took charge of the work under the Rev. Lewis Reiter (1901-1904) but it failed to make material progress. With the coming of Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner new life was instilled and the membership was increased from 30 to 220. The congregation is self-supporting now. In 1907 a beautiful parsonage was built at 513 Graffius Ave. A new church building is badly needed as the old one has been outgrown. The congregation numbers 205, the Sunday School 230.

The present pastorate began Feb. 20th, 1916. All the indebtedness resulting from the parsonage and repairs have been paid and the financial status for the yearly support of local and benevolent obligations has been strengthened. From July, 1918, to Jan., 1919, the pastor was granted a leave of absence to enter the United States Army as chaplain.

Officers of St. Peter's Reformed church:

Elders: Adam E. Smith, J. K. Allshouse, George McClelland, and John L. Graffius.

Deacons: Joseph S. Gray, Jacob Dubler, Jefferson Davies, and William Powell.

Trustees: H. Lattimer, Joseph S. Gray, and J. K. Allshouse.

Pastors

Rev. John Althouse.....	1838—1842
Rev. Ferdinand Englebach.....	1843—1852
Rev. C. C. Brandt.....	1853—1854
Rev. B. Boyer.....	1854—1857
Rev. C. A. Limberg.....	1857—1862

Rev. Herman Bielfeldt.....	1862—1864
Rev. Louis Christ.....	1865—1866
Rev. Paul Walst.....	1866—1867
Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier.....	1867—1872
Rev. John Wohlbach.....	1872—1881
Rev. T. R. Dietz.....	1884—1891
Rev. B. S. Metzger.....	1891—1893
Rev. J. F. Wiant.....	1893—1895
Rev. Lewis Reiter.....	1901—1904
Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner.....	1905—1915
Rev. E. M. Dietrich.....	1916—

EMLENTON CHARGE

*Salem and St. John's Congregation**Salem Congregation*

Rev. Henry Koch organized this congregation about 1837. Among the first members were: Paul Neely, Sr., and family; George Jones, Sr., and family; Daniel Long and wife. It is claimed that Judge Peters of Philadelphia donated ground to the Reformed and Lutheran congregations in 1838, for a "Union Church" building. The building was erected the same year. About the year 1866 it was discovered that the deed had been made in favor of the Lutherans. Hence the Reformed congregation withdrew and purchased two acres of ground from Herman Snyder and erected a church thereon in 1867.

During the pastorate of Rev. H. D. Darbaker the church was remodeled and circular pews installed at a cost of \$1630. Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner preached the dedicatory sermon Sept. 6th, 1900.

While Salem was a member of the Beaver charge it had the following pastors:

Rev. Henry Koch.....	1837—1845
Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	1846—1855
Rev. L. D. Leberman.....	1856—1858
Rev. J. S. Shade.....	1858—1865
Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.....	1866—1874
Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	1875—1879

St. John's Congregation.

The minutes of Classis, 1858, have this record :

"There was brought to the notice of classis that an organization of a new German Reformed congregation, in Emlenton, Venango County," had been effected. "Adopted,—the organization confirmed and placed in the St. Petersburg charge," Rev. J. S. Shade being the pastor. The next reference is found in the minutes of Synod, 1871—the Superintendent of Missions stated that Kittanning and Emlenton were to be constituted a charge, with Rev. L. B. Leasure stated supply. A few years later Emlenton and Parker were made a charge; but an extensive fire occurring at Parker, the interest there was abandoned. On Nov. 9th, 1879, the Licentiate, R. C. Bowling took charge of the mission, and the following March the present charge was formed. The officers at that time were as follows :

Salem:—Elders: M. O. Loughner and Daniel Hale.

Deacons: Elias Loughner, Samuel Weeter and Joseph Shirey.

St. John's—Elders: Joseph Weller and Stephen Lawall.

Deacons: Isaac Shakely and J. M. Truby.

During Rev. Bowling's pastorate the Lutheran interest in St. John's church was bought for \$1200, and the building remodeled and paid for. He resigned Nov. 9th, 1885. His successors were Revs. John F. Mackley, J. J. Wagoner, H. D. Darbaker, S. C. Long, C. L. Roth, L. L. Leh, and J. J. Gilbert.

While Rev. Darbaker was pastor the church was enlarged by an addition of sixteen feet, two class rooms formed, a new roof, and concrete side walks made, at an expense of about \$2000. Mrs. Angeline Weller and her son, John A. Weller paid for the improvement—Rev. R. C. Bowling preached the dedicatory sermon, Oct. 25th, 1896. Rev. Darbaker obtained two church building funds—\$500 each—from Mrs. Magdalena Allebach and Miss Philistia Kline—and \$2506.70 for the endowment fund of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, from Mr. Michael Nidle, and the same amount from him for St. John's church, Emlenton, Pa., of which Mr. Nidle was a mem-

ber. Later, Miss Kline gave another church building fund of \$500. This congregation pays its apportionment at the beginning of the classical year. It contributes liberally to all objects presented. The officers for 1920 are:

Salem—Elders: Fred S. Loughner, O. C. Knight, and E. D. Dittman. Deacons: W. L. Long, A. L. Boyer, and V. E. Ashbaugh.

Emlenton—Elders: Ford Rosche, F. P. King, and Dr. C. S. Bridenbaugh. Deacons: A. E. Bishop, J. R. Ferringer, and C. R. King.

Names of Pastors:

Rev. Robert. C. Bowling.....	1879—1885
Rev. John F. Mackley.....	1886—1889
Rev. J. J. Wagoner.....	1890—1893
Rev. H. D. Darbaker	1894—1908
Rev. S. C. Long.....	1908—1910
Rev. George L. Roth.....	1911—1915
Rev. L. L. Leh	1915—1918
Rev. J. J. Gilbert.....	1919—

RIMERSBURG CHARGE

Jerusalem and Grace Congregations.

Jerusalem Congregation at Rimersburg.

The Rev. Henry Koch organized this congregation in 1841. The record of the first meeting reads as follows:

"In the beginning of the year of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 1841, the friends of the Gospel assembled themselves and nominated the following members to establish a congregation and to prepare a church constitution."

Rev. Henry Koch
Henry Yeager
John Kratzer
John Reimer

John Krick
John Arner
Jacob Weaver
Daniel Stop

"By the same a consistory was organized consisting of the following gentlemen, namely:

John Krick, Pres.
Henry Yeager, Elder
Wm. Bartholomew, Elder
John Kratzer, Deacon
John Krick, Deacon

John Reimer, Consistorist
Michael Hawn, Trustee
Frederick Hilliard, Trustee
Daniel Stop, Secretary

The congregation at first held services in Arner's school house. In 1848 a lot was bought from John Reimer for a church and graveyard for five dollars. The building committee was composed of George Walters, Wm. Bartholomew, and John Krick. A brick building was erected at a cost of \$4200. Rev. L. D. Leberman was the pastor. During Rev. J. M. Evans' pastorate, 1880, the church was remodeled at a cost of \$2700. In 1909 while Rev. R. V. Hartman was pastor, an addition for the use of the Sunday School was built, costing \$3300. The dedicatory services took place Dec. 12th, 1909. Besides the pastor, Revs. H. S. Nicholson, and W. H. Kerschner were present. A parsonage was built in 1904 at a cost of \$2240.

Prominent Events.

1. Mrs. Rev. Koch was given the honor of naming the Reformed church at Rimersburg.

2. Dr. Philip Schaff visited Father Koch in 1844. His kind, genial manner won the affection and esteem of the entire family.

3. Rev. D. B. Lady received his title of Doctor of Divinity from Franklin and Marshall College, while he was pastor of the Curllsville charge, which included the Rimersburg congregation at that time.

4. The monument erected to the memory of Father Koch was unveiled June 21st, 1889. The services were in charge of Dr. D. B. Lady. The other ministers present were: Revs. R. C. Bowling, S. T. Wagner, W. W. Deatrick, and J. F. Wiant. Rev. Wiant delivered the address.

Consistory for 1920:

Elders: A. J. Mortimer, B. S. Flick, and H. G. Bonnett.

Deacons: H. A. Thompson, Geo. D. Shoup, and Walter Mitchell.

Grace Congregation at Widnoon

This congregation was organized by Rev. Robert E. Crum, assisted by Rev. F. M. Line, July, 2d, 1903. Of those entering the organization, eighteen came from the Tital Presbyterian church; eighteen by renewal of profession; three by confirmation, and one by adult baptism—forty in all. Steps were at once taken to erect a church. The building committee consisted of Geo. Balsiger, J. Harvey Crisman, and T. T. Meredith. The church was dedicated March 26th, 1905, at a cost of \$5,400—all paid before the day of dedication. The pastor, Rev. S. U. Waugaman, was assisted at the dedication by Rev. Robert C. Bowling. The Sunday School was organized with 106 persons the following Sunday. At Easter, four weeks later, eighteen persons were added to the church. The present membership is ninety.

Officers for 1920:

Elders: Amos Shiry, J. D. Cobbett, and J. H. Crisman.

Deacons: Wm. Duncan, Wm. Crisman, and Delwyn Collingwood.

Rimersburg Pastors:

Rev. Henry Koch.....	1841—1845
Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	1845—1847
Rev. L. D. Leberman.....	1847—1849
Rev. George Wolf.....	1849—1853
Rev. Mr. Smith.....	Three Months
Rev. N. E. Gilds.....	1854—1856
Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	1856—1860
Rev. Abner Dale.....	Six months
Rev. J. H. Apple.....	1861—1870
Rev. Charles Knepper.....	1870—1871
Rev. J. J. Pennypacker.....	1874—1878
Rev. John M. Evans.....	1878—1884
Rev. David B. Lady.....	1885—1894
Rev. J. D. Hunsicker.....	1894—1897

Rimersburg and Widnoon Pastors:

Rev. F. M. Line.....	1898—1903
Rev. S. U. Waugaman.....	1904—1906
Rev. C. P. Kehl.....	1907—1908
Rev. R. V. Hartman.....	1909—1913
Rev. F. M. Brown.....	1913—1914
Rev. A. S. Lenhart.....	1915—1917
Rev. A. J. Herman.....	1918—

ST. PETERSBURG CHARGE

St. Peter's, St. Petersburg, and Trinity, Foxbury Congregations.

St. Peter's Congregation.

St. Peter's church was organized by Rev. Henry Koch, March 1st, 1834. Among the first members were the Ashbaughs, Allebacks, Bostaphs, Convers, Dittmans, Frys, Funks, Joneses, Neelys, Wevels, Ritts, Shoups, Snyders, and Werners.

Richard Peters, Esq., of Philadelphia, donated land to the Reformed and Lutheran congregations for church purposes. The Reformed trustees were John Snyder and Daniel Ashbaugh. The corner stone was laid May, 1837. The building cost \$1003. In 1854 the Reformed people having sold their interest in the church building to the Lutherans, erected one of their own, at a cost of \$1212. During the pastorate of Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger the present church was built. The corner stone was laid July 4th, 1876. The dedication took place in connection with the meeting of Pittsburgh Synod in the church, Oct. 13th, 1878. The cost was about \$20,000. The church is the largest and finest for miles around. The membership is 222. A fine, modern parsonage belongs to the congregation.

Trinity Congregation.

This congregation was organized by Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner, June 16th, 1901, with the following officers: Elders: Wm. I. Crawford and James M. Uncapher. Deacons: Timothy Cokley and Wm. A. Gates. The lot was donated by Mrs. James Fowler and children. The corner stone was laid Oct. 27th, 1901. The church was dedicated the summer following. The membership is about 25.

Officers for 1920:

St. Peter's—Elders: Archie Miller, Forest Jordan and Peter

Klinger; Deacons: J. A. Bissel, Lester Fulmer, Tracy Neely, and Earl Coal.

Trinity—Elders James Uncapher and Sherman Uncapher; Deacons: P. C. Speer and James Canoe.

Pastors:

Rev. Henry Koch.....	1834—1845
Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	1846—1856
Rev. L. D. Leberman.....	1856—1858
Rev. J. S. Shade.....	1859—1866
Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.....	1866—1873
Rev. D. W. Wolf.....	1873—1876
Rev. W. C. B. Schulenberger.....	1876—1883
Rev. S. Z. Beam, D. D.....	1885—1888
Rev. S. S. Miller.....	1890—1895
Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner.....	1895—1905
Rev. A. C. Renoll, Ph.D.....	1906—1910
Rev. C. B. Rebert.....	1910—

RED BANK CHARGE

Trinity, Nevin Memorial, Grace, and St. Luke's Congregations.

Trinity Congregation.

This congregation is located at Oak Ridge, Pa. It was organized in the winter of 1819-1820 by Rev. Henry Koch. There are no records extant of the officers and members of the congregation of that early day. The first church building was a log structure. This was in keeping with the dwellings of the members. About 1849 a neat frame building was erected in place of the former one. This also corresponded to the new and better dwellings of the community. In the spring of 1891 ground was broken for the third church building. The corner stone was laid July 2d, 1891, and the building was Gothic in style and seated about 400 persons. The main room was 40x60 feet; the Sunday School room was 20x40 feet. The entrance to both rooms was through the vestibule in the tower, which contained a 40-inch bell. The cost was \$4100. Rev. R. F. Gass was the pastor. He was assisted in the dedication services, and

those of the previous week, by Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., R. C. Bowling, R. E. Crum, and J. J. Wagoner. This edifice being destroyed by fire the fourth church was erected during 1913-1914. The corner stone was laid June 7th, 1913—Rev. E. M. Dietrich being the pastor. Revs. R. E. Crum and R. C. Bowling, D. D., assisted in the service. The dedication took place a year later—June 7th, 1914—Revs. R. E. Crum, R. C. Bowling, D. D., and U. O. H. Kerschner aiding the pastor. The present membership is 65. Officers:

Elders: C. J. Keuper, J. M. Mohney, Oscar Carlson, and Raymond Hepler.

Deacons: S. C. Wiant, J. Clyde Miller, and D. W. Young.

Pastors:

Rev. Henry Koch.....	1820—1845
Rev. L. D. Leberman	
Rev. H. Daniel	
Rev. Francis Netcher	
Rev. Henry Hoffman	
Rev. John Dotterer.....	1874—1877
Rev. J. B. Thompson.....	1877—1882
Rev. L. C. Edmonds.....	1882—1885
Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	1885—1886
Rev. R. F. Gass.....	1887—1904
Rev. John M. Evans.....	1905—1911
Rev. E. M. Dietrich.....	1912—1916
Rev. H. G. Snyder.....	1916—

Nevin Memorial.

The former name of this congregation was Salem. During the pastorate of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, steps were taken to build a church. This building was not completed until Oct. 30th, 1887, under the pastorate of Rev. R. F. Gass. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. R. C. Bowling. The members live in an excellent farming community and are very liberal.

The number of members is 76.

Elders: Benjamin Stahlman, Jacob Stahlman, and I. S. Barnhart. Deacons: G. G. Stahlman, F. C. Rhodes, and J. E. Mercer.

As far as our records show the following ministers served this congregation:

Rev. John Dotterer.....	1874—1877
Rev. J. B. Thompson.....	1877—1882
Rev. L. C. Edmonds.....	1882—1885
Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	1885—1886
Rev. R. F. Gass.....	1887—1904
Rev. John M. Evans.....	1904—1911
Rev. E. M. Dietrich.....	1912—1916
Rev. H. G. Snyder.....	1916—

Grace Congregation.

This church was formerly called St. John's and was located at "Licking" a mile east of Curllsville. It was organized during the winter of 1819-1820 by Rev. Henry Koch. The original records, if any were kept, have been lost. For some time the services were conducted in the winter time in a log school house; and in the summer time in the open air. Later on the Reformed and Lutheran people built a log church, which was used until 1841. Then a union brick church was erected. In connection with the laying of the corner stone, a constitution prepared by the unionists was read. This prohibited any one becoming pastor who could not preach in both English and German. Father Koch who could not preach in English felt much aggrieved. The membership is 53. Officers for 1920:

Elders: J. R. Slaughenhaupt, J. B. Rankin, and John F. Humphrey. Deacons: Dr. G. B. Woods, Chas. Campbell and I. F. Fox.

Pastors:

Rev. Henry Koch.....	1819—1841
Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	1845—1847
Rev. L. D. Leberman.....	1848—1850
Rev. Geo. Wolf.....	1850—1854
Rev. Smith.....	Three months
Rev. N. E. Gilds.....	1854—1856
Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.....	1856—1874
Rev. John Dotterer.....	1874—1877
Rev. John M. Evans.....	1878—1885
Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.....	1885—1894
Rev. J. D. Hunsicker.....	1894—1897

Rev. F. M. Line.....	1898—1903
Rev. S. U. Waugaman.....	1903—1905
Rev. J. M. Evans	1905—1911
Rev. E. M. Dietrich.....	1912—1916
Rev. H. G. Snyder.....	1916—

St. Luke's Congregation.

This congregation was organized by Rev. L. D. Leberman in 1848. For many years the Reformed and Lutheran members worshiped in a church owned jointly by them. We have no records of the early history of St. Luke's. In the year 1870, during the pastorate of Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, the Reformed members built a house of worship of their own, a short distance from the Lutheran church. The building is of frame and cost about \$2,000. The membership numbers 65. Officers for 1920:

Elders: F. J. Marshall, F. H. Hartman, and R. S. Gates.

Deacons: R. L. Henry, John Males, and Ross Furling

The pastors are the same as those of Grace church, Curllsville, Pa., from Rev. L. D. Leberman's time.

BEAVER CHARGE

*St. Paul's and St. Mark's Congregations**St. Paul's Congregation.*

This congregation was organized by Rev. Henry Koch in 1820. The only record extant shows certain baptisms by Rev. Koch: "Samuel, son of John and Margaret Smith; Elizabeth, daughter of John and Rosanna Sigworth; George, son of George and Elizabeth Berlin; and Hiram, son of Henry and Barbara Neely." The "Delos, Berlins, Shoups, Neelys, Vensels, Bests, and Ashbaughs," came from Westmoreland County. Mr. Henry Best gave two acres of land, Jan. 9th, 1813, on which a log house, 20x30 feet, was erected for school and church purposes. In 1825 a small frame church was built. In 1859 the large stone church was erected. This church was own-



OLD ST. PAUL'S (UNION) CHURCH, KNOX, PA.



NEW ST. PAUL'S REFD. CHURCH, KNOX, PA.

ed by the Lutherans and Reformed, and was used until 1906. During the pastorate of Rev. H. S. Nicholson, the present beautiful, well-arranged church was built. The corner stone was laid Aug. 6th, 1905, Rev. H. D. Darbaker delivered the address, in the presence of a thousand persons. Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., of Washington, D. C., was present as a visitor. The church was dedicated June 24th, 1906. A farewell service conducted by Rev. Darbaker was held in the "Old Stone Church." Professor Meckel, who had been organist years before, had charge of the music.

The dedication service was held in the new church—Prof. J. C. Bowman, D. D., delivered the sermon. Services were held every evening of the previous week, addresses were delivered by Revs. H. D. Darbaker, R. C. Bowling, U. O. H. Kerschner, E. H. Laubach, R. E. Crum, J. M. Evans, J. J. Wagoner, R. F. Main, Lewis Robb, D. D., and D. H. Leader. The church cost \$15,000, which was provided for before the day of dedication. This stands as an honor to the St. Paul's congregation and the pastor, Rev. Nicholson.

St. Mark's Congregation.

Rev. Henry Hoffman organized this congregation in 1874. The first consistory was composed of the following: Elders: John Lorah, and Peter Johnson. Deacons: Jacob Knappenberger and Adam Dearolph. Mr. John Lorah donated a lot on which the church was built. The corner stone was laid by Rev. D. O. Shoemaker, Sept. 20th, 1874. The church was dedicated by Rev. Henry Hoffman, then pastor, Sept. 12th, 1875—Rev. J. F. Wiant preaching the sermon. The other ministers present were Revs. D. W. Wolf, J. J. Pennypacker, and John Dotterer. The congregation has decided to replace this church with a large, modern stone edifice. The material is nearly all on the ground. The charge has been very liberal in

its contributions. Only the larger offerings can be noted:

1907—For the Endowment of the Eastern Theological Seminary	\$2000.00
1912—Church Building Fund	370.00
1916—For Seminary Dormitory	857.00

Personal Gifts

1912—Eli Wentling, Endowment, Orphans' Home.....	\$ 400.00
1912—John Alt, Church Building Fund.....	500.00
1910—Henry Knight, Orphans' Home Debt.....	100.00
1910—Henry Knight, Orphans' Home Endowment.....	500.00
1911—Henry Knight, Girls School, Sendai, Japan.....	500.00
1916—Henry Knight, Church Building Fund.....	500.00
1917—Henry Knight, Orphans' Home Endowment.....	500.00
1919—Henry Knight, Orphans' Home Endowment.....	5000.00

The present membership is: St. Paul's 311, and St. Mark's, 171. Officers for 1920:

St. Paul's:

Elders: Edward Wentling, W. U. G. Mahle, W. B. Kribbs, and H. M. Wetzel.

Deacons: Chas. Wentling, Chas. Alt, J. B. Black, Adam Wentling and Geo. Hugus.

St. Mark's:

Elders: T. B. Crum, F. I. Master, J. H. Kahle, and Jesse Knappenberger.

Deacons: E. E. Knight, John Ashbaugh, H. B. Beele, and Floyd Fleming.

Roster of Pastors:

Rev. Henry Koch	1820—1845
Rev. Henry Hoffman	1845—1855
Rev. L. D. Leberman	1855—1856
Rev. J. S. Shade	1857—1865
Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.....	1865—1874
Rev. Henry Hoffman.....	1875—1879
Rev. Jacob F. Wiant.....	1880—1890
Rev. S. T. Wagner.....	1891—1897
Rev. Lewis Reiter.....	1897—1899
Rev. E. H. Laubach	1900—1904
Rev. H. S. Nicholson	1904—1914
Rev. Irwin C. Snyder.....	1915—

APOLLO CHARGE

First Reformed Church.

The First Reformed church of Apollo was organized by Rev. C. W. Summey, July 23d, 1892.

The names of the first officers are: Elders: Abraham Hill and G. Smith; Deacons: J. G. Rau and Calvin Wise.

The church property was bought from Rev. R. A. Jamison, pastor of the U. P. church for \$4000. The corner stone was laid Oct. 26th, 1893. The church was dedicated March 11th, 1894. The total cost of the church in money and labor was about \$3500. The parsonage was on the lot when it was purchased. The congregation became free of debt in 1906. The Board of Missions furnished aid from July 1st, 1893, to July 1st, 1911, amounting to \$5800. The congregation has the proud record of always paying its apportionment in full, which last year amounted to \$437.

A church building fund was started July, 1911, which has grown to over \$5000. A parsonage fund was begun in the fall of 1919, which has gone over the \$1000 mark.

The present pastor has added 173 persons to the membership, which is now 260. The salary has been increased from \$1000 to \$1600.

The officers for 1920 are: Elders: F. K. Whitlinger, W. L. Miller, U. U. Jewel and W. G. King. Deacons: Geo. D. Wallace, N. H. Smith, J. F. Deibler, and Wm. C. Fry.

The following pastors have served this church:

Rev. J. N. Naly.....	1893—1900
Rev. D. E. Master.....	1901—1905
Rev. D. W. Kerr.....	1905—1914
Rev. D. J. Wolf.....	1915—

The present membership is 110. The present consistory:

Elders: W. J. Silvis, J. J. McKnight, and O. M. Anderson.
Deacons: B. F. Saltgiver, Ed J. Boye and H. H. Hanna.

ZION'S VALLEY CONGREGATION

This congregation was organized by Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, June 20th, 1868. Twenty members dismissed from St. Jacob's congregation entered the organization. About a year later, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, pastor of St. James' charge in Westmoreland Classis became supply pastor. During this pastorate a very comfortable church building was erected. Rev. James Grant became pastor in 1871, but resigned in 1873. He was succeeded by Rev. H. W. Hoffmeir who served the congregation several months, when it was transferred to Westmoreland Classis and served by Rev. John McConnell, under whose care the membership increased to 75. In 1882 it was returned to Clarion Classis and made a part of South Bend charge. (For successive pastors see St. Jacob's Congregation.)

The congregation was disbanded in 1919.

ST. THOMAS CONGREGATION

Very little is known of the early history of this congregation. According to the oldest record, it was organized by Rev. Wilhelm Weinel, Sept. 24th, 1840. The first communion of which there is any record was held October 23d, 1841. On that date 31 members communed and a class of 31 was confirmed. It was organized as a union church—union not in name only but in fact as both Reformed and Lutherans worshipped together, and according to the records participated in the same communion. The church was built by Reformed and Lutheran people and was a union church for many years but there is no record as to the time of its erection. The present church building was remodeled in 1902 during the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Kerschner.

The following ministers served the congregation:

Rev. William Weinel.....	1840—1853
Rev. F. Wise	1853—1876
Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer.....	1877—1881
Rev. A. K. Kline.....	1881—1884
Rev. A. C. Snyder.....	1885—1887

Rev. A. M. Keifer.....	1889—1890
Rev. W. D. Lefevre.....	1890—1893
Rev. L. W. Showers.....	1895—1900
Rev. W. H. Kerschner	1903—1914

In 1916 it was made a part of the South Bend charge.

The present membership is 80. The present consistory:

Elders: Nicolas Reefer, Maurice Timlin, and John Boyer.

Deacons: Mellow Thomas, Marley Penrod, and Kelley Reefer.

MT. UNION CONGREGATION

This congregation was organized by Rev. F. Wise, May 28th, 1864, mainly of members from St. Jacob's congregation. The corner stone of the first church was laid June 23d, 1869 and the church dedicated Oct. 23d, 1870. This church was destroyed by fire Jan. 9th, 1873, but rebuilt of brick and dedicated June 7th, 1874. Rev. F. Wise continued his pastorate until 1876, the last communion service being held on Feb. 1st, of that year, at which time, on account of failing health, he was obliged to omit part of the service. He was never able to preach again and passed away in July of the same year.

The following ministers served this congregation:

Rev. F. Wise.....	1864—1876
Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer.....	1877—1881

In Jan., 1882, this congregation became a part of the South Bend Charge until 1916 when it was disbanded. From 1882 it had the same pastors who served the St. Jacob's congregation.

SOUTH BEND CHARGE

St. Jacob's Congregation

The early history of St. Jacob's Congregation at South Bend is obscure. It was probably organized by Rev. William Weinel about 1822. In May, 1823, the first communion, of which there is a record, was held, at which time 24 persons were confirmed and 40 members com-

muned. The first church building was a plain log "meeting house," with "slab benches" for pews. There was no need of stoves, heaters or chimneys as no services were held during the winter. This meeting house was on the hill one-half mile north of the village of South Bend. Near this location the "White Church" as it was called, was erected by the Reformed and Lutheran people about 1840. The present church located in South Bend, was erected during the pastorate of Rev. C. Gumbert. The corner stone was laid in May, 1890, and the church dedicated in September, 1891.

The following ministers have served this congregation :

Rev. Wm. Weinel.....	1822—1850
Rev. F. Wise.....	1852—1864
Rev. H. Hockman.....	1864—1867
Rev. J. F. Wiant.....	1869—1876
Rev. A. K. Kline.....	1876—1880
Rev. J. S. Hartzell.....	1882—1883
Rev. D. N. Harnish.....	1883—1886
Rev. Christian Gumbert.....	1887—1897
Rev. I. A. Sites.....	1898—1902
Rev. J. J. Wagoner.....	1902—1907
Rev. F. K. Stamm.....	1910—1912
Rev. A. S. Lenhart.....	1913—1915
Rev. J. I. Lauffer.....	1915—1918

Revs. H. King, D. D., and R. E. Crum are sons of this congregation.

ST. JOHN'S CHARGE

*St. John's, Worthville, Temple and Shannondale
Congregations*

St. John's Congregation

The history of St. John's congregation runs back to the year 1835. The first church services were held in the barn of Abraham Hock, one mile south of Sprankles Mills. In 1838 a small log church was built near by. After ten years this building was used for a school house. In 1848 a larger building was erected on the present site of the church. A cemetery was opened near the church and the numerous graves mark the passing of

these sturdy settlers for well nigh a century. In 1868 the church was remodeled, and again, in 1919, the exterior and interior was beautified by the congregation. The congregation numbers about 65 persons.

A live Sunday School has been maintained for a long time under the able leadership of Supt. Russell Moser, who is vice-president of the Jefferson County Association of Sunday Schools. The community is populous and a prosperous and thrifty lot of people have been patiently waiting for a pastor.

Worthville Congregation.

This congregation, situated in the village of Worthville, about four miles north of St. John's, was formed from members of that church in the year 1870 under the pastorate of Rev. Hoffman. The church is owned jointly by the Reformed and Presbyterian congregations. Death, removal, and a lack of a pastor have so affected the life of the congregation that Clarion Classis, several years ago, authorized the abandonment of the church. The property, however, has not been disposed of.

Shannondale Congregation.

Before 1888 the Reformed and Lutheran people in this community worshipped in one church building. Desirous of having their own church each erected in this year substantial buildings. The church belonged to the Red-bank charge together with that of the North Freedom church. Under the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Evans they were added to the St. John's charge being six and eleven miles from St. John's. Under this arrangement the life of this end of the charge began to wane. At the present time there remain only a handful of members.

Temple, North Freedom.

This congregation is situated five miles south of the Shannondale church in the village of North Freedom.

It was organized before the Civil War and worshipped in an outworn building for more than forty years. In 1894 the second building was erected which is used to-day. The members number about 20. It is evident that the decadent spirit of the church is due to the poorly arranged charges in the past and to the over-zealous members who found little pleasure in worshipping in churches other than their own. Today they stand empty beckoning spectres of the past calling to a heartless present.

Rev. H. A. Hartman was the last pastor to serve this charge.

CHAPTER XXV.

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS

By Rev. A. B. Bauman.

St. Paul's Classis was constituted under the direction of Pittsburgh Synod, at Hartstown, Crawford County, January 18th, 1861, by the election of the following officers: President, Rev. Henry F. Hartman, vice-president, Rev. D. B. Ernst; treasurer, Rev. L. J. Mayer.

The territory covered by the new classis included all that part of Western Pennsylvania lying north of Pittsburgh and west of the Allegheny River, embracing Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence, Butler, and parts of Allegheny and Beaver Counties. Entering into the new organization were six charges, with twenty-two congregations and seventeen hundred and thirty-four members served as follows: Saegertown, three congregations, Rev. D. B. Ernst; West Greenville, four congregations; Rev. H. F. Hartman, Meadville, four congregations; Rev. L. D. Leberman; Harmony, three congregations, Rev. F. W. Dechant; Fairview, two congregations, Rev. D. O. Shoemaker; Mercer, five congregations, Rev. L. J. Mayer and Hartstown, one congregation, supplied. Revs. Philip Zeizer and Benjamin Boyer superannuated, and Rev. S. M. Callender without a charge.

Rev. Philip Zeizer was the first settled pastor of the Reformed faith in this extended field. Previous to his coming Rev. Mahnenschmidt of Trumbull County, Ohio, visited and preached for communities of German origin, especial mention being made of those of Wolf Creek Township, Butler County, eight miles south of Mercer and Good Hope, two miles southwest of Greenville, Mercer County. However, when Rev. Zeizer began his labors in 1825 there was no organized congregation, but he immediately began the task and by the end of the first

year had regularly organized congregations at Wolf Creek, Good Hope, in Mercer County, and Conneaut Lake, in Crawford County. The next year he effected a fourth organization at Meadville and these four, embracing a territory fifty-two miles in length, constituted his field of labor for the next four years. In 1830 he enlarged his field by the organization of congregations at Reichels, four miles north of Saegertown and Jerusalem, Hickory Township, near Sharon. In 1832 he helped organize and build a union Reformed and Lutheran church in Saegertown. The Reformed congregation was served for a time by a Mr. Muck, who stood in no connection with Synod, but in 1833 Rev. Zeizer was called to preach for them also, his field now covering a territory sixty-two miles from north to south and twenty-five miles from east to west. Nevertheless, he continued his efforts for the spread of the kingdom, organizing in 1837, Christ church, six miles south of Meadville and St. John's, seven miles north of Greenville, Sugar Creek, Venango County in 1841, and Salem, Mercer County, 1843, later known as Jerusalem congregation. In 1839 the Wolf Creek congregation was made a part of the Harmony charge and in 1843 Rev. Benjamin Boyer accepted a call from the Saegertown, Reichels, Meadville and Watson's Run churches, which left the four congregations in Mercer County under the care of Rev. Zeizer until 1848, when his strong constitution yielded to the pressure of over-taxed labor and his failing health compelled him to resign.

From this time until the organization of the new classis, the work so splendidly begun by Rev. Zeizer, was successfully carried forward by the able ministries of Revs. Boyer, Frederick Wahl and Henry F. Hartman in the churches of Mercer County and Rev. D. B. Ernst and L. D. Leberman in the churches of Crawford County. During a great part of Rev. Zeizer's ministry the territory included in the above fields was a part of the Erie classis, until this classis united with Columbiana Classis, Eastern District Synod of Ohio, in forming the "Independent Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and Adjacent States." From that time until 1861 it was

included in the territory of Clarion Classis, under whose direction the field was cultivated, the history of the earlier organizations south of Wolf Creek being part of the records of that classis.

During the time of Rev. Boyer's pastorate, 1853, some thirty Reformed and Lutheran members of the Good Hope church living in the eastern end of Pymatuning Township united in the erection of a "more convenient" place of worship, but because of opposition on the mother church, the organization was not completed until the following year, when under the pastorate of Rev. Frederick Wahl, it became a part of the West Greenville charge,. Rev. Wahl labored but two years in this field, resigning early in 1856, and in the summer of the same year Rev. Henry F. Hartman accepted a call from the West Greenville charge.

Rev. Hartman was a very able and active pastor, building up the already established congregations and acting in the capacity of a "self-constituted missionary," as he styled himself, organized congregations at Blacktown, New London, Coal Bank and Clarksville, at New Hamburg and at Greenville, with the result that of the twenty-two congregations entering into the new classis seventeen were from Mercer and Crawford counties, the scene of his labor.

A special meeting of classis held at Koonce Corners, Crawford County, December 10th, 1882, divided the Mercer charge into two missions and appointed Rev. Abner Dale, received from Clarion Classis to serve Blacktown and New London, which was named the Mercer Mission, and Rev. Lucian J. Mayer to serve Hickory, Coal Bank and Clarksville, named the Clarksville Mission. At the second annual meeting, Meadville and German Hill were constituted the Meadville charge, the remaining congregations and points formerly belonging to this charge were declared a mission field to be known as Decker's Run, and a newly organized mission at Rochester, Beaver County, was received and placed under the care of Rev. Casper Scheel. A special meeting the same year authorized Rev. G. B. Russell to begin mission work in

the city of Allegheny. During a special meeting at Decker's Run, December 29th, 1863, Licentiate John Kretzing was ordained and installed as pastor of this field, hitherto supplied by the pastor of the Meadville charge, and Rev. F. W. Dechant was given authority to effect an organization in the town of Butler of which Rev. C. A. Limberg was to be missionary.

At the annual meeting, May, 1864, a petition from the Titisville congregation, organized by Rev. D. D. Leberman and John Kretzing, to be received under the care of St. Paul's Classis received favorable action and was enrolled as a mission. The call to Rev. D. D. Leberman, a recent graduate from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, was confirmed at a special meeting one month later. Sudden and severe affliction in January, 1865, compelled Rev. Leberman to relinquish his work in this field before the end of his first year's pastorate. He was succeeded by Rev. J. W. Ebbinghouse who had just completed the theological course, but after serving the mission nine months he resigned to accept the call from the Meadville congregation. The history of this mission was the record of frequent and long vacancies interspersed with brief pastorates. Finally at the annual meeting in 1878, the congregation was dismissed to the West New York Classis, German Synod of the East.

The first six or eight years after the organization of St. Paul's Classis were marked by intense missionary zeal. The membership of the congregations was small and many of these being recent settlers were unable to contribute much for the support of the church. Weak charges were strengthened by the organization of congregations in towns or settlements nearby. In fact, the whole territory within the bounds of classis was regarded as a "great field of missionary opportunity." Committees were appointed from year to year, "to superintend the missions and supply new fields with suitable laborers."

At the annual meeting held in Butler, 1866, it was resolved, "that Rev. H. F. Hartman be constituted chairman of said committee, that he be clothed with plenary power as the general missionary of the classis to explore

all promising points, and organize missions, when needed, and take such measures as shall be necessary to give efficiency and success to such undertakings; and that a proper remuneration be made for his labors given to this work whether it engaged the whole of his time or only such portions as his impaired health may allow him to give."

As a result of this missionary activity the number of congregations increased from twenty-two in 1861 to thirty-two, as reported at the annual meeting in 1866. Both the organization of these additional congregations and the division of charges as the growing congregations in the cities and towns required the whole of a pastor's time made it increasingly difficult to supply the required number of ministers. This occasioned many reconstructions and frequent and often long vacancies which ultimately led to the dissolution of some of these congregations.

Another obstacle to more rapid progress in these earlier years was that occasioned by the question of language. Many of the older Germans were loath to give up the mother tongue and even refused to allow English services to be held in the church. This led to many bitter contentions, the locking of the doors of churches against ministers and classis, and in some cases to litigation in the civil courts.

At the annual meeting held in the Harmony Reformed Church, May, 1870, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the territory of St. Paul's Classis is extensive, involving much travel, inconvenience and expense and not infrequently failure in necessary action on the part of classis, and delinquency on the part of members, making business uncertain and inefficient, and leaving very important interests to be served by a few brethren at the extreme end of said territory, and

Whereas, Pittsburgh and Allegheny cities together with their suburban parts open up wide and promising fields of labor now occupied by active, efficient and able men who are laboring earnestly and successfully for the interests of the church and the cause of Christ, therefore

Resolved, that this classis cede that portion of its territory lying south of the Southern line of Mercer County, the line to run straight from the Ohio State line until it reaches a point on the Allegheny River.

Resolved, that the Reverend Westmoreland Classis be and hereby is respectfully requested to cede such portion of its territory as may be necessary with the above portion ceded by this classis to constitute said new classis, and that they also join this classis in making the necessary request to the Reverend Synod at its next annual meeting in Buffalo, New York.

The committee on minutes of synod in its report to the annual meeting of the classis held in Saegertown, May 20th, to 27th, 1872, reports the granting of this request. Ten congregations were dismissed to form the new classis, leaving eighteen congregations, or nine pastoral charges, to constitute the St. Paul's Classis. These were served as follows: Saegertown, one congregation, Rev. D. B. Ernst; Meadville, one congregation, Rev. D. D. Leberman; Greenville, two congregations, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher; Sharon, two congregations, Rev. J. H. Stepler; Mercer, two congregations, Rev. Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher; Watson's Run, two congregations, Rev. Frederick Wahl; Shenango, four congregations, Rev. Henry C. Heyser; Titisville, one congregation, Rev. Julius Fuendeling. At an adjourned meeting Greenville, October 11th, 1872, St. Peter's congregation at Corry was received and made a part of the Titisville charge, but after several years during which there was no regular pastor, the name of this congregation disappears from the roll. Trinity congregation, Fairview, was received and united with the Zion's charge, Cochrannton at the annual meeting, 1875, at which time twenty-one congregations are reported.

From this period efforts seem to have been directed more toward the building up of the charges and congregations already established than to the enlarging of the field. It was but natural that many readjustments had to be made, and these together with many changes of

pastorates and often with long vacancies proved disastrous to some of these hastily organized congregations.

In order to provide for English congregations in Western New York, classis extended her territory in 1912 by the reception of the Dewey Avenue Mission of Rochester, N. Y., and the installing of Rev. Walter R. Clark, as pastor, October 21st, 1912. Another promising mission in this new territory was organized in Buffalo by Rev. Oscar H. Dorschel and received under the care of classis, February 26th, 1915. These congregations are at the present time rather isolated by reason of distance, but it is altogether probable that these will become the nucleus of a new English classis in this promising field.

In spite of difficulties St. Paul's Classis has moved forward and the congregations under the guidance of strong and faithful pastors have made themselves felt as factors for righteousness in their respective communities. In the councils of the church at large the classis has through her splendid representatives of the type of Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., Rev. B. B. Ferer, D. D., Rev. A. M. Keifer, and Rev. W. J. Muir, and others had an honorable part.

That St. Paul's Classis will continue to do her full share in the work of the kingdom is assured by the aggressive labors being done by faithful men now manning the several fields. They preach not themselves, but Christ Jesus, as Lord, and themselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS

Annual Meetings

Year	Church	Place	President	Stated Clerk	Treasurer
1861	Hartstown	Hartstown	H. F. Hartman	L. J. Mayer	Samuel Eisenhart
1862	St. Paul's	Butler Co.	L. D. Leberman	L. J. Mayer	Samuel Eisenhart
1863	Zion's	London	S. N. Callender	L. J. Mayer	H. F. Hartman
1864		Meadville	D. B. Ernst	L. J. Mayer	H. F. Hartman
1865		Harmony	L. J. Mayer	D. O. Shoemaker	L. D. Leberman
1866	St. Paul's	Butler	C. A. Limburg	J. Kretzing	C. R. Dieffenbacher
1867	Brown's	Crawford Co.	G. B. Russell	J. Kretzing	C. R. Dieffenbacher
1868		Greenville	C. R. Dieffenbacher	J. Kretzing	D. S. Dieffenbacher
1869	Brady's Bend	Armstrong Co.	W. M. Landis	J. Kretzing	D. S. Dieffenbacher
1870		Harmony	D. D. Leberman	J. Kretzing	C. M. Bousch
1871	Good Hope	Mercer Co.	J. H. Stepler	J. Kretzing	C. M. Bousch
1872		Saegertown	C. R. Dieffenbacher	J. Kretzing	C. M. Bousch
1873		Meadville	J. Fuendling	D. D. Leberman	J. Kern
1874	Zion's	Shenango Char.	E. H. Dieffenbacher	D. D. Leberman	C. M. Bousch
1875	Zion's	Greenville	F. Pilgrim	D. D. Leberman	C. M. Bousch
1876	St. Paul's	Sharon	Jos. H. Apple	D. D. Leberman	C. M. Bousch
1877	Ch. of the Cross	Balm	J. May	D. D. Leberman	C. M. Bousch
1878	Brown's	Crawford Co.	F. P. Hartmatz	D. D. Leberman	C. M. Bousch
1879	St. John's	Shenango Char.	J. W. Pontius	D. D. Leberman	C. M. Bousch
1880	Zion's	Crawford Co.	F. B. Hahn	D. D. Leberman	C. M. Bousch
1881	Jerusalem	Shenango Char.	F. Pilgrim	D. D. Leberman	C. M. Bousch
1882	Zion's	Crawford Co.	J. W. Pontius	F. B. Hahn	C. M. Bousch
1883		Meadville	D. D. Leberman	F. B. Hahn	C. M. Bousch
1884	Zion's	Greenville	J. H. Apple, D. D.	F. B. Hahn	C. M. Bousch
1885	Mercy	Saegertown	S. H. Eisenberg	J. W. Pontius	C. M. Bousch
1886	St. Mark's	New Hamburg	C. M. Bousch, Esq.	J. W. Pontius	C. M. Bousch
1887	St. John's	Deckard's Run	A. A. Black	J. H. Apple	C. M. Bousch

Year	Church	Place	President	Stated Clerk	Treasurer
1888	.....	Watson Run	J. M. Schick	J. H. Apple	C. M. Bousch
1889	Zion's	Shenango Char.	S. H. Isenberg	J. H. Apple	C. M. Bousch
1890	St. John's	Meadville Char.	D. J. Mayer	J. M. Schick	C. M. Bousch
1891	Mercy	Saegertown	L. J. Thomas	J. M. Schick	C. M. Bousch
1892	Grace	Sharpsville	D. H. Leader	J. M. Schick	C. M. Bousch
1893	St. Mark's	E. Fairfield	A. M. Keifer	J. M. Schick	C. M. Bousch
1894	Jerusalem	Shenango Char.	U. O. H. Kerschner	T. H. Land	C. M. Bousch
1895	St. Paul's	Meadville	F. M. Line	Geo. E. Limbert	C. M. Bousch
1896	Ch. of the Cross	Balm	D. B. Lady, D. D.	Geo. E. Limbert	C. M. Bousch
1897	St. Mark's	N. Hamburg	A. M. Schaffner	Geo. E. Limbert	C. M. Bousch
1898	St. Paul's	Sharon	H. I. Crow	Geo. E. Limbert	C. M. Bousch
1899	St. John's	Deckard	L. P. Goerrig	Geo. E. Limbert	C. M. Bousch
1900	Zion's	Greenville	D. E. Master	F. L. Kerr	C. M. Bousch
1901	St. John's	Watson Run	Char. M. N. George	F. L. Kerr	C. M. Bousch
1902	Zion	Transfer	S. T. Wagner	F. L. Kerr	C. M. Bousch
1903	Grace	Sharpsville	J. L. Barnhart	W. J. Muir	C. M. Bousch
1904	St. Mark's	N. Hamburg	E. S. Hassler	W. J. Muir	C. M. Bousch
1905	Zion's	Greenville	Lewis Reiter	W. J. Muir	C. M. Bousch
1906	Brown's	Watson Run	F. H. Keller	W. J. Muir	C. M. Bousch
1907	Christ	Grove City	C. A. Bushong	W. J. Muir	C. M. Bousch
1908	St. Paul's	Sharon	W. S. Fisher	W. J. Muir	C. M. Bousch
1909	Mercy	Saegertown	B. B. Ferer, D. D.	W. J. Muir	C. M. Bousch
1910	St. Paul's	Meadville	W. M. Dieffenderfer	W. S. Fisher	C. M. Bousch
1911	Grace	Sharpsville	A. K. Kline	W. S. Fisher	C. M. Bousch
1912	Zion	Transfer	E. S. LaMar	W. S. Fisher	C. M. Bousch
1913	Jerusalem	Shenango Char.	A. B. Bauman	W. S. Fisher	C. M. Bousch
1914	St. Mark's	Cochranon	Chas. H. Brown	W. S. Fisher	C. M. Bousch
1915	St. Paul's	Sharon	C. G. Shupe	W. S. Fisher	C. M. Bousch
1916	Christ	Grove City	W. R. Clark	H. S. Nicholson	Jacob Moser
1917	Grace	Buffalo, N. Y.	A. M. Keifer	H. S. Nicholson	W. W. Deichman
1918	St. John's	Cochranon	C. R. Hartman	H. S. Nicholson	W. W. Deichman
1919	Grace	Sharpsville	B. B. Ferer, D. D.	H. S. Nicholson	W. W. Deichman

ST. PAUL'S STATISTICAL TABLES—1861

MINISTERS	Congregations	CHARGES											P. O. ADDRESS
			Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptised	Confirmed	Certificate	Communed	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	
D. B. Ernst.....	3	Sagertown.....	248	18	42	6	228	1	1	2			Sagertown
H. F. Hartman.....	4	W. Greenville.....	420	37	2	10	400	20	14	5			West Greenville
L. D. Leberman.....	4	Meadville.....	293	82	19	293				6	2		Meadville
F. W. Dechant.....	3	Harmony.....	215	28	15	183	5	6	2				Harmony
D. O. Shoemaker.....	2	Fairview.....	283	24	35	5	238	3		2			Adams
L. J. Mayer.....	5	Mercer.....	1300	35	13	2	250	2	6	3			West Greenville
L. J. Mayer, supply.....	1	Hartstown.....	20				20						West Greenville
S. N. Callender.....		Without Charge.....											Meadville
Philip Zeiser.....		Superannuated.....											New Hamburg
B. Boyer.....		Superannuated.....											West Greenville

L. J. MAYER, *Stated Clerk*

ST. PAUL'S—1870

MINISTERS	Number of Congregations	CHARGES										P. O. ADDRESS												
		Without Charge																						
Philip Zeiser	1																Hamburg, Pa.							
L. B. Ernst	1	Saegertown										132	124	71	0	4	119	3	4	1	39		Saegertown, Pa.	
Abner Dale	2	Fairview										392	425	29	3	5	315	1	2	3	160	102.00	Brady's Bend, Pa.	
J. Kietzing	4	Zion's										170	150	91	16	3	150	3	8	2	100	130.00	Cochran, Pa.	
D. D. Leberman	1	Meadville										140	100	15	7	2	138		3	1	50	200.00	Meadville, Pa.	
C. R. Diefenbacher	2	Greenville										175	150	13	29	17	170	15		9	2	175	135.00	Greenville, Pa.
C. A. Limberg	2	Butler										76	110	10	8	7	73		1	2	98	88.00	Butler, Pa.	
Wm. M. Landis	4	Harmony										227	123	25	37		165	2		1	8	130	153.00	Harmony, Pa.
J. H. Stepler	3	Sharon										135	180	25	15		115			2	70	65.00	Sharon, Pa.	
E. H. Diefenbacher	2	Mercer										127	99	10	7	1	112		2	2	90	101.00	London, Pa.	
F. Wall	2	Watson Run										90	50	6	10		60			1	75	49.00	Meadville, Pa.	
	1	Allegheny										55	44	3	4	7	50	7		1	75	74.00		
H. C. Heyser	4	Shenango										550	563	35	54	3	420		9	4	360	207.00	Greenville, Pa.	
G. B. Massalsky*	1	Titusville																					Titusville, Pa.	
J. P. Poerner		Without Charge										2169	2118	187	190	49	1887	31	39	23	1342	\$1314.00		
Total	29	Total																						

J. KREITZING, Stated Clerk

ST. PAUL'S—1880

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Joseph H. Apple	2	Saegertown	195	145	5	1	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	

D. D. LEBERMAN, *Stated Clerk*

ST. PAUL'S--1890

MINISTERS		CHARGES												P. O. ADDRESS							
		Congregations		Members		Unconfirmed	Inf. Bapt.	Adult Bapt.	Confirmed	Certificate	Communed	Dismissed	Ex Com.	Erasures	Deaths	S. Schools	S. Scholars	Students for the Ministry	Benevolence	Congregational Purposes	
D. D. Leberman																					Meadville, Pa.
Joseph H. Apple, D. D.																					Charlesville, Pa.
John D. Thomas		4	329	137	13	1	10	4	214	1	0	2	8	2	140	0	136.00	893.00			Cochran, Pa.
John M. Schick		4	562	266	26	0	4	17	512	17	0	0	8	4	527	1	707.00	1555.00			Greenville, Pa.
Lucian J. Mayer		2	270	190	28	0	11	7	162	0	0	0	8	2	175	0	62.00	1950.00			Saegertown, Pa.
Daniel H. Leader		3	295	109	14	1	16	6	261	5	0	0	3	2	95	0	252.00	1424.00			Saegertown, Pa.
Thomas S. Land		2	446	176	18	2	27	7	376	12	0	0	8	2	170	0	218.00	1215.00			Meadville, Pa.
William H. Shepp		2	91	25	3	2	4	4	68	4	0	0	2	1	50	0	38.00	213.00			Grove City, Pa.
A. Marion Keifer		2	395	195	22	0	3	2	351	10	0	56	17	2	352	0	351.00	1303.00			Greenville, Pa.
Frederick Pilgrim																					Greenville, Pa.
Without Charge																					
Jerusalem		1	67	45	1														7.00	61.00	
Totals		20	2455	1143	125	6	75	47	1944	49	0	58	54	15	1509	1	\$1771.00	\$860.00			

J. M. SCHICK, Stated Clerk

ST. PAUL'S—1910

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MINISTERS	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	NAME OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS	Congregational	MEMBERS			ADDITIONS						LOSSES				S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		Minutes Synod w'ted			
				Communicants	Communed	Confirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Ref. Congregat'ns	Other Denominat.	Renewal of Prof.	Dismissed	Erasure of Names	Deaths, commun.	Deaths, unconfirm.	Marriages	Burials	Schools	Officers, teachers	Scholars, Adult Home Dept. incl.	Students in Ministry		Benevolent Purposes	Purposes Congregations	
A. M. Keifer.....	Greenville, Pa.	Supt. Orph. Home.....																								
J. F. Wiant.....	Greenville, Pa.	Disabled																								
John L. Barnhart.....	Saegertown, Pa.	Saegertown	1	117	95	27	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	0	0	1	4	13	1	9	53	0	\$ 180.00	\$ 880.00	9	
		Reichel's	1	45	39	15	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	1	9	41	0	10.00	174.00		
E. S. Hasler.....	Grove City, Pa.	Without Charge																								
Will S. Fisher.....	Cochrannton, Pa.	St. Mark's	1	96	91	52	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	4	1	0	8	1	9	47	0	165.00	2069.00	5	
		Zion's	1	81	64	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	2	1	1	8	35	0	121.00	283.00	4	
		St. John's	1	64	55	46	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	9	49	0	107.00	232.00	4	
		Trinity	1	36	35	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	7	24	0	67.00	112.00	4	
Chas. A. Bushong.....	Meadville, Pa.	Watson Run	1	95	82	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	3	1	10	25	0	180.00	560.00	8	
		St. John's	1	125	95	58	4	1	12	0	2	0	7	4	2	0	2	4	1	12	60	0	150.00	485.00	8	
B. B. Ferer, D. D.....	Meadville, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	217	207	76	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	8	7	1	19	153	0	286.00	16500.00	12	
W. M. Diefenderfer.....	Sharon, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	252	200	130	16	0	6	2	0	5	2	6	3	3	6	14	1	11	204	1	491.00	1624.00	10	
Edward S. LaMar.....	Sharpsburg, Pa.	Grace	1	146	110	0	18	1	26	0	7	9	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	15	85	0	178.00	800.00	10	
Alpha K. Kline.....	Grove City, Pa.	Christ's	1	95	77	52	2	0	13	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	78	0	308.00	502.00	10	
Albert B. Bauman.....	Greenville, Pa.	Zion's	1	709	600	226	14	2	10	5	4	0	16	0	3	1	2	20	1	35	478	0	1022.00	2042.00	25	
Vacant.....		Jerusalem	1	200	174	30	4	1	7	0	1	0	5	0	2	0	3	2	1	10	73	1	275.00	595.00	12	
		St. John's	1	178	165	27	2	0	8	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	13	113	0	220.00	482.00		
Vacant.....		*Zion's	1	93	78	33	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	13	73	0	122.00	276.00		
		*St. Mark's	1	143	115	64	4	2	3	0	0	0	3	10	2	1	0	0	1	16	95	1	194.00	1020.00		
		*Jerusalem	1	65	60	45	5	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1			0	75.00	200.00		
†E. C. Musselman.....	Greenville, Pa.																									
				18	2757	2342	1007	80	12	91	18	20	16	48	46	28	10	33	18	81	214	1691	3	\$ 4191.00	\$ 28836.00	121

*Estimated. †Dismissed to Presbyterian Church
Number of congregations, 18.
Number of Charges, 10.

W. S. FISHER, Stated Clerk

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS, YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1920

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MINISTERS	P. O. ADDRESS	CHARGES	Congregations	Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed	Inf. Bap.	Adult Bap.	Confirmed	Certificate	Renewal	Dismissed	Erased	Deaths-Comm.	Deaths Uncon-firmed	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Y. P. S.	Students for Ministry	For Home Missions	For Foreign Missions	For Education	Other Bene-volence	Congregational Purposes	
A. M. Keifer	Greenville, Pa.	St. Paul's Or. Home																								
B. B. Fever, D. D.		St. Paul's	1	274	212	79	5	4	1	1	5	3	19	1	6	1	17	274	40	0	\$ 229.00	\$ 229.00	\$ 25.00	\$1143.00	\$ 5880.00	
W. M. Diefenderfer	Sharon, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	365	303	165	15	5	36	4	12	3	4	3	2	1	25	360	48	0	312.00	319.00	41.00	776.00	2992.00	
A. B. Bauman	Greenville, Pa.	Zion's	1	909	712	269	22	5	36	11	7	13		12	1	1	17	743		1	1007.00	975.00	135.00	3186.00	6339.00	
C. George Shupe	Cochrannton, Pa.	St. Mark's	4	100	87	36	0	0	6	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	8	80	0	0	85.00	96.00	8.00	193.00	500.00	
C. George Shupe	Cochrannton, Pa.	St. John's		94	86	31	4	4	8	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	8	49	0	0	86.00	80.00	7.00	155.00	465.00	
C. George Shupe	Cochrannton, Pa.	Zion's		70	61	22	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	8	80	0	0	67.00	60.00	6.00	87.00	375.00	
C. George Shupe	Cochrannton, Pa.	Trinity		26	23	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.00	22.00	2.00	46.00	140.00	
W. H. Kerschner	Meadville, Pa., R. D. 4	St. John's	2	174	173	70	7	1	12	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	22	105			111.00	134.00	6.00	382.00	864.00	
W. H. Kerschner	Meadville, Pa., R. D. 1	Watson Run		143	112	60	0	2	2	1	4	2	1	1	0	1	14	91			118.00	112.00	5.00	231.00	968.00	
H. S. Nicholson	Buffalo, N. Y.	Grace	1	174	141	132	14	3	17	3	8	0	0	1	1	1	18	173	0	0	57.00	51.00		82.00	2100.00	
H. S. Dorschell	Fredonia, Pa.	Jerusalem	2	233	227	62	4	2	12	2	3	1	0	3	2	1	10	178			292.00	248.00	110.00	276.00	918.00	
A. C. Renoll, Ph.D	Fredonia, Pa.	St. John's		200	183	60	1	1	7	2	3	2	0	5	0	1	13	323			242.00	223.00	96.00	252.00	847.00	
A. C. Renoll, Ph.D	Sharpsville, Pa.	Grace	1	140	90	35	5	1	4	1	3	0	4	2	3	1	7	115	0	0	122.00	115.00	5.00	375.00	1515.00	
Harry A. Spink	Rochester, N. Y.	Dewey Ave.	1	225	172	60	8	4	23	1	10	4	42	0	3	1	24	329	20	0	60.00	60.00	3.00	91.00	2919.00	
Addison H. Groff		Mercy	2	120	60	25	2	0	0	0	0	5	8	2	2	1	10	50	0	0	50.00	50.00	15.00	40.00	1050.00	
Vacant		Emmanuel		35	25	10	1	0	0	0	0	2	5	3	1	1	8	30	0	0	30.00	30.00	5.00	15.00	325.00	
Vacant		Zion's	2	80	64		2						1	18	1		17	94			79.00	79.00	28.00	92.00	577.00	
Vacant		St. Mark's		96	73		1		9			4		2		1			1						298.00	
Vacant	Grove City	Christ	1	110	70	42	2	0	1	1	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	9	113	10	0	155.00	93.00	25.00	40.00	700.00
Totals			19	3568	2915	1168	99	32	177	34	60	45	110	48	21	18	265	3187	118	2	\$3156.00	\$2976.00	\$ 522.00	\$7442.00	\$29772.00	

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MINISTERS		CHARGES													P. O. ADDRESS																													
		Congregations		Members		Communed		Unconfirmed		Inf. Bap.		Adult Bap.		Confirmed		Certificate		Dismissed		Excom.		Erasure		Communicants		Deaths		Unconfirmed		Schools		Officers and Teachers		Scholars		Students for Ministry		Benevolence		Congregational				
A. M. Keifer.....	Greenville	1,	520	458	230	25	2	15	17	3	6	8	5	1	1	22	254	1																					\$ 512.00	\$ 2049.00	Greenville, Pa.			
D. B. Lady, D. D....	Shenango	4	636	542	237	20	7	11	12	4	0	8	10	3	4	46	316	2																						413.00	1207.00	Greenville, Pa.		
D. E. Master	Cochranon	4	298	264	179	19	6	16	6	0	0	1	6	1	3	38	155	0																						285.00	925.00	Cochranon, Pa.		
S. T. Wagner	Watson Run	2	266	213	111	12	0	0	3	6	0	0	9	0	2	19	80	0																						253.00	713.00	Meadville, Pa.		
L. P. Goerzig	No Charge																																										Berlin, Germany	
J. F. Wiant	No Charge																																										Greenville, Pa.	
J. H. Apple, D. D....	No Charge																																										Saegertown, Pa.	
A. S. Glessner.....	Saegertown	2	197	160	70	1	4	7	7	2	0	0	2	2	21	72	0																							132.00	1950.00	Saegertown, Pa.		
F. L. Kerr	Meadville	1,	244	190	110	12	3	17	9	5	0	0	3	0	1	23	175	0																							231.00	1150.00	Meadville, Pa.	
M. N. George	Sharon	1	169	91	150	8	0	8	0	2	0	0	3	1	10	112	0																								75.00	683.00	Sharon, Pa.	
J. E. Sheetz.....	Sharpsville	2	184	168	80	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	35	0																							38.00	456.00	Sharpsville, Pa.	
Vacant	Grove City	3	120	101	56	11	0	0	6	10	0	0	2	1	2	21	85	0																							109.00	943.00	Grove City, Pa.	
Vacant	New Hamburg	1	186	159	82	12	2	10	3	14	0	0	6	0	1	17	130	0																							130.00	747.00	New Hamburg, Pa.	
Totals		21	2820	2344	1305	193	24	84	71	46	0	37	48	8	18	243	1494	3																								\$2176.00	\$10403.00	

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

ALBERT B. BAUMAN

A. B. Bauman, son of Rev. Frederick and Elizabeth J. Bauman; was born in Zwingle, Iowa, June 17th, 1886; attended Epworth Seminary, College of Northern Illinois, Franklin and Marshall College, class of 1889, and Eastern Theological Seminary, class of 1892. Supplied St. Paul's Reformed church, Baltimore, Md., during the pastor's absence, the summer of 1892; licensed by Virginia Classis, October 28th, 1892, and was ordained and installed pastor of the Harrisville charge in St. John's church, Harrisville, Va., October 30th, 1892, by Rev. J. A. Hoffheims, D. D., and Rev. H. St. John Rinker. Pastorates: Harrisville, Va., eight years and three months; Pitcairn, Pa., six years and eight months; St. Luke's, Baltimore, Md., two years and eight months; Greenville, Pa., since May 1st, 1910.



WILLIAM MARTIN DIEFFENDERFER



Wm. M. Dieffenderfer, son of Allen Victor and Emma Elizabeth (Muir) Dieffenderfer, was born at Emans, Lehigh Co., Pa., Nov. 11th, 1881, and educated at Perkiomen Seminary, Franklin and Marshall College, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating from college in 1903, and from the seminary in 1906. He was licensed by Lehigh Classis, May 21st, 1903, and ordained by St. Paul's Classis at Sharon, Pa., July 22nd, 1906, the ordination committee being composed of Rev. W. J. Muir and Rev. H. F. Keller. He has been pastor of St. Paul's Reformed church, Sharon, Pa., since his ordination to the present time. Rev. Mr. Dief-

fenderfer was married to Miss Alvira A. Warner, of Sharon, Pa., in June, 1920. From the fall of 1911 to the present time Mr. Dieffenderfer has been an instructor in the Sharon High School, in addition to his pastoral work, for the first seven years as head of the German department, and for the last two years as principal of the Freshman building and instructor in History and Physical Geography.

O. H. DORSCHEL

O. H. Dorschel, B. D., son of Oscar and Elizabeth (Hofeinz) Dorschel, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 7th, 1878; educated at the Mission House, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and took a post-graduate course at the Eastern Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; licensed and ordained by West New York Classis on May 12th, 1910, Pres. M. P. Shoepfle, and Wm. Bollman, Stated Clerk. Pastorates: Clarence, N. Y., 1910-1914; Buffalo, N. Y., 1914..... Rev. Mr. Dorschel was married June 28th, 1910, to Miss Elsie Helen Saenger. There are three children, Margaret, Eunice, and Clarence.

BENJAMIN BEATTY FERER



Rev. B. B. Ferer, D. D., son of William and Susan (Beatty) Ferer, was born in Easton, Pa., Nov. 21st, 1853, graduated from the Easton High School in 1871, Franklin and Marshall College, with the Franklin Oration, in 1875, and from the Eastern Theological Seminary in 1878; was licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis in 1878; ordained by Westmoreland Classis the same year, Rev. G. D. Gurley being chairman of the committee. Pastorates: Pleasant Unity, Pa., 1878-1884; Riegelsville, Pa., 1884-1906; Meadville, Pa., 1906..... Received the degree of D. D., in 1901; president of Eastern Synod, member of the Board of Visitors of the Eastern Seminary, Phi. Beta Kappa, president of the School Controllers of Meadville for six years. Dr. Ferer's labors were marked by improvements to the church prop-

erty, and largely increased benevolence, the beautiful church in Meadville, now free from debt, being the crowning evidence. Rev. Mr. Ferer was married to Miss Laura F. Kline, of Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 6th, 1880. There are four children: Charles K., M. D., Edmund Feltz, Civil Engineer, Ruth, teacher in the Meadville High School, and Clara, in her brother's office in Meadville.

ADDISON HERSHEY GROFF

A. H. Groff, son of Addison M. and Mary Elizabeth (Hershey) Groff, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., on June 22nd, 1891, and was educated in the Lancaster High School, Franklin and Marshall Academy and Franklin and Marshall College, graduating from college in 1910, and in the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1913. He spent the summer of 1919 in the University of Chicago. Mr. Groff was licensed by Lancaster Classis on May 9th, 1913, and ordained June 19th, 1913, by Allegheny Classis, the ministers officiating at the ordination being Revs. Lewis Robb, D. D., H. A. Shiffer, and W. H. Tussing. His pastorates have been: Christ Reformed Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1913-1917, and Dewey Avenue Reformed Church, Rochester, N. Y., 1917, to the present time. Rev. Mr. Groff was married to Miss Rebecca Keiper, Oct. 28th, 1913. There are two children: Caroline, and Addison R.



ALEXANDER M. KEIFER

Alexander M. Keifer, son of James and Rebecca Keifer, was born at Manor, Pa., Feb. 13th, 1862; was educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed May 23d, 1889, by Clarion Classis; and ordained by the same Classis on the same date. Pastorates: Plum Creek charge, Pa.,



1889-1890; Greenville, Pa., 1890-1909; Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphans' Home from May 14th, 1909, to date. Married to Miss Rosa Welty, May 14th, 1889; married, second time, to Miss Maida L. Henning. One child, Mary Rosa, now Mrs. Rev. I. G. Nace.

WILLIAM HENRY KERSCHNER



William H. Kerschner, son of J. Peter and Harriet (Reichard) Kerschner, was born in Ottercreek Township, Mercer County, Pa., Jan. 13th, 1870; educated at Fredonia Institute, Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating from the latter May 14th, 1903; licensed by St. Paul's Classis, June 5th, 1903; ordained by Clarion Classis July 17th, 1903, committee: Revs. R. C. Bowling, D. D., and U. O. H. Kerschner. Pastorates: Plum Creek charge, Pa., 1903-1914; the Watson Run charge, Pa., 1914.... Married Oct. 13th, 1903, to Miss Elizabeth Stewart, of Hadley, Pa. One daughter Ida Marie, born Jan. 16th, 1905.

HARVEY S. NICHOLSON

Harvey S. Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon C. R. Nicholson, was born in Elk Lick Township, Somerset County, Pa., Dec. 28th, 1861; educated at Clarion Collegiate Institute, Grove City College and the Heidelberg Theological Seminary; licensed by Somerset Classis May 9th, 1896; ordained by St. Joseph's Classis, Aug. 2d, 1896: committee: Revs. F. Ware, and J. A. Albright. Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., preached the sermon by request. Pastorates: Colon, Mich., 8 years; the Beaver charge, Pa., 10 years and 4 months; Grove City, Pa., since Oct., 1914. Married to Miss Lily Good, of Tiffin, Ohio, Oct. 12th, 1897. Four children: Paul Reuben, Stanley Reese, Anna, and Nevin Good Nicholson. Organized the congregation at Colon, Mich., built two new churches, repaired two

and bought a parsonage; stated clerk of St. Joseph's Classis; stated clerk of St. Paul's Classis; president of Clarion Classis; member of the board of directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home; editor of the Gleaner and of the Guardian and twice a delegate to General Synod.

ADAM CALVIN RENOLL

Adam C. Renoll, Ph.D., son of Elias M. and Mary Ann Renoll, was born at Hanover, Pa., 1875; educated at Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O., graduating in 1897, and graduated from Heidelberg Seminary in 1900; receiving the degree of A. M., from Heidelberg University in 1900; the degree of Ph.D., from Grove City College in 1911. Mr. Renoll was ordained by St. John's Classis, May 2d, 1900. Pastorates: Waynesburg, Ohio, 1900-1906; St. Petersburg, Pa., 1906-1910; Grace Church, Altoona, Pa., 1910-1917; Shenango charge, Pa., 1917.....



CYRUS GEORGE SHUPE

Cyrus G. Shupe, son of Lewis B. and Caroline B. Shupe, was born in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Oct. 13th, 1878; educated at Mt. Pleasant Institute, Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Westmoreland Classis, May, 1905; ordained by Somerset Classis, June 4th, 1905; committee:

Revs. A. R. Kremer, D. D., A. E. Truxal, D. D., and H. S. May, the sermon being preached by Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D. Pastorates: Wills Creek Charge, Pa., 1905-1908; Ruffsedale Charge, Pa., 1908-1911; Zion's Charge, Crawford County, Pa., 1911..... Married to Miss Margaret McIntyre of Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 11th, 1907. There is one child, Margaret Alice Shupe.



HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF CHARGES AND
CONGREGATIONS OF ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS

GREENVILLE CHARGE

Zion's Reformed Church.

Zion's Reformed Church, of Greenville, Pa., was organized by Rev. Henry F. Hartman, pastor of the Shenango Charge, Jan. 27th, 1861. Daniel Saul, Sr., was elected Elder and Aaron Saul and John Kern, Deacons. The congregation purchased a church from the congregational-



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ists in May, 1863, which was afterwards sold to the St. Clements Episcopal Church and is still in use. The corner stone of the present church was laid July 11th, 1885, and the dedication took place Sept. 4th, 1887, during the pastorate of Rev. S. H. Eisenberg. A steam heating plant and a pipe organ were installed during the pastorate of Rev. A. M. Keifer. In the summer of 1911, in the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Bauman, a hard wood floor was laid in the auditorium and new pews were placed in the church and the gallery built, and in 1916 the building was enlarged by an addition of 28x55 feet at a cost of \$15,000. The present membership is 910.

The present consistory is composed of eight elders and eight deacons: Elders: W. J. Moyer, J. Fred Christman, A. H. Derr, D. H. Mathey, W. H. Loch, P. F. Deissler, Ernest Fisher, and R. E. Thorne; Deacons: W. E. Miller, J. A. Packard, W. A. Shadt, Robert Croll, George Moyer, George Seiple, Ralph Jaxtheimer, and Nevin Bolivar.

Greenville Pastors:

Rev. Henry F. Hartman.....	1861—1865
Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher.....	1865—1878
Rev. F. B. Hahn.....	1878—1884
Rev. S. H. Eisenberg.....	1884—1889
Rev. A. M. Keifer.....	1890—1909
Rev A. B. Bauman.....	1910—1920

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH. SHARON. PA.

St. Paul's Congregation of Sharon, Pa., was organized about 1860, by Rev. L. J. Mayer. The earliest records go back to 1866, in the ministry of Rev. J. H. Stepler. There were at first three congregations in the charge: Jerusalem or Hickory, St. Mark's, both now abandoned, and St. Paul's. The first house of worship for St. Paul's congregation was erected in Rev. Mayer's pastorate, near Trout's Corner, some distance from Sharon. In 1874 the congregation began to hold services in town, and the same year bought a lot on Sharpsville street and erected a church at a cost of \$4095. A parsonage was built in the rear of the church in 1883. In 1907 the church was remodeled, side walks laid, and the property gener-

ally improved. In 1910, the parsonage was removed and a Sunday School building erected upon its site at a cost of \$5,500. In 1905 there were 165 members. The present membership is 368. The services were at first held exclusively in German. English services were introduced in 1895. Since 1907 all the services are held in English. The congregation is thinking of making additional improvements to its property.

The following have been pastors: Revs. L. J. Mayer, 1860-1866; J. H. Stepler, D. D., 1866-1873; F. P. Hartmetz, 1873-1882; E. Gruenstein, 1882-1888; L. J. Mayer, a second pastorate, 1888-1891; F. Pilgrim, supply, 1891-1892; Fred Emmer, 1892-1894; Louis P. Goerrig, 1894-1899; M. N. George, 1900-1901; W. H. Millhouse, 1902-1905; W. M. Dieffenderfer, 1906 to the present time.

WATSON RUN CHARGE

St. John's and Watson Run Congregations

St. John's Congregation.

St. John's congregation was organized in 1836 by the Rev. Philip Zeiser and was a part of the Meadville Charge until 1898, when the St. John's and the Watson Run congregations were constituted the Watson Run Charge. The congregation worshipped in Mr. Bery's house for a number of years. Afterwards a church was erected on Union Hill, Union Township, Crawford County, Pa. A new church was built in 1854, another in 1894 which was burned in 1899. In 1900 the present brick veneered church was built. Frederick D. Weber was the first elder.

The ministers who served this charge were: Revs. Philip Zeiser, 1835-1848; B. E. David, 1849-1853; Reuter, Abel, Klopp, Kahler, and L. D. Leberman, 1853-1868; Frederick Wahl, 1868-1871; D. D. Leberman, 1872-1885; F. B. Hahn, 1885-1888; T. S. Land, 1889-1895; A. M. Shaffner, 1895-1898; S. T. Wagner, 1898-1901; W. S. Hartzell, 1903-1905; C. A. Bushong, 1905-1913; W. H. Kerschner,

1914..... The officers for 1920 are: Elders: Daniel Ehr-gott and John Ernst, Sr.; Deacons: W. W. Ehrgott and Aaron Shilling; Trustees: David Bery, A. M. Crooks and Conrad Kahler; Secretary and Treasurer: W. E. Klipple. The membership is 107.

Watson Run Congregation.

Watson Run congregation was organized by Rev. Philip Zeiser sometime between 1835 and 1840. The congregation worshipped in the school house until 1850 when the present church building was erected in the southwestern part of Vernon Township, Crawford County, Pa. The building was dedicated under the pastorate of Rev. D. B. Ernst and was remodeled in 1905 making an up-to-date rural church. The congregation belonged to the Saegertown charge until 1898. The ministers serving this congregation were: Revs. Philip Zeiser, D. B. Ernst, D. E. Klopp, F. Wahl, J. H. Apple, A. A. Black, 1886-1888; D. H. Leader, 1889-1893; F. M. Line, 1894-1898; S. T. Wagner, 1898-1901; W. S. Hartzell, 1903-1905; Chas. A. Bushong, 1906-1913; W. H. Kerschner, 1914..... The present consistory is: Elders: Daniel Holabaugh, and G. W. Brown; Deacons: F. L. Brown, and Wm. Breckenridge; Trustees: Earl Keller and Chas. H. Brown; Secretary and Treasurer, Edgar A. Brown. The present enrollment is 138.

GROVE CITY MISSION

Christ Reformed Church

Christ Reformed Church, of Grove City, Pa., was organized by Rev. George E. Limbert July 9th, 1893. The first consistory was: Elders: Peter Hassel, and Jacob Reimold; Deacons: Chas. Dresh and Elias Klink. The corner stone of the church was laid Oct. 25th, 1895; ministers assisting the pastor were: Revs. A. M. Keifer and U. O. H. Kerschner. The church was dedicated July 5th, 1896, minister assisting: Prof. J. B. McClellan, Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., and Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., latter preaching

the dedicatory sermon. Pastors: Rev. George E. Limbert 1893-1900; Rev. D. W. Kerr, 1900-1902; Rev. E. S. Hassler, 1902-1908; Rev. A. K. Kline, 1909-1914; Rev. H. S. Nicholson, 1914..... The present membership is 112.

The consistory for 1920 is: Elders: D. H. Mohr, C. C. Pearson and James Annable; Deacons: Ralph C. Allen, Dr. George Harry and Edward Moan.

SHENANGO CHARGE

St. John's and Jerusalem Congregations.

St. John's Congregation

Under the pastorates of Rev. Philip Zeiser, Reformed, and Michael Kughler, Lutheran, congregations were organized and a union log church was built in 1837, seven miles south of Greenville on the Greenville-Mercer road. The total outlay of money for the building was about \$60 in cash and the collectors on Jan. 1st, 1838, when accounts were audited placed the unused balance of their collections, \$5.31, in the hands of the trustees.

The first communion of the Reformed congregation was held April 29th, 1838. The first record of the election and installation of officers was in January, 1837, when Isaac Siegfried was elected trustee and Benjamin Moyer, deacon. In January, 1838, Daniel Hecker was elected Elder and and Peter Waugaman, Deacon.

The corner stone of the second building, still in use but which will probably be re-placed by a new building during the summer of 1920, was laid in 1846.

Pastors:

Rev. Philip Zeiser.....	1837—1848
Rev. Benjamin Boyer.....	1849—1853
Rev. Frederick Wahl.....	1853—1856
Rev. H. F. Hartman.....	1857—1866
Rev. F. Pilgrim.....	1866—1868
Rev. H. C. Heyser.....	1869—1872
Rev. F. Pilgrim.....	1872—1887
Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D.....	1888—1894
Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.....	1894—1900
Rev. W. J. Muir.....	1900—1909
Rev. A. C. Brown.....	1910—1916
Rev. A. C. Renoll, Ph.D.....	1917—

Jerusalem Congregation.

The Jerusalem congregation was organized in 1842 by Rev. Philip Zeiser. A log church was erected soon afterwards in which the congregation worshipped until 1855. In that year a frame church 40x45 feet was built. The third church, a brick veneered building, was erected in 1898, under the pastorate of Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., who also served as chairman of the building committee. The dedication took place Feb. 12th, 1899. The pastor was assisted by Rev. R. C. Bowling, Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., and Rev. U. O. H. Kerschner. Four sons of this congregation are in the ministry: U. O. H. Kerschner, of Newport, Pa.; Conrad Iffert, of Humboldt, Nebr.; W. H. Kerschner, of Meadville, Pa., and I. G. Snyder, of Monroe, Pa. Pastors:

Rev. Philip Zeiser.....	1842—1843
A Licentiate from Ohio.....	1848—1853
Rev. Frederick Wahl.....	1853—1856
Rev. Henry F. Hartman.....	1856—1866
Ref. Frederick Pilgrim.....	1866—1868
Rev. H. C. Heyser.....	1869—1872
Rev. Frederick Pilgrim.....	1872—1887
Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D.....	1888—1894
Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.....	1894—1900
Rev. W. J. Muir.....	1900—1909
Rev. C. H. Brown.....	1909—1916
Rev. A. C. Renoll, Ph.D.....	1917—

ZION'S CHARGE

St. Mark's, St. John's, Zion's and Trinity Congregations.

St. Mark's Congregation.

St. Mark's Congregation was organized by Rev. D. B. Ernst, in the Prospect school house sometime between 1850 and 1858. The corner stone for a church was laid in Sept., 1867, by Rev. L. D. Leberman, C. M. Boush, Esq., of Greenville, making the address. The church was dedicated, July 12th, 1868, by Rev. D. B. Ernst, who was assisted in the services by Rev. L. D. Leberman. The Elders were: H. M. Stitzer and A. G. Apple; Deacons:

James Hart and Mathias Flaugh. The membership is 95. The consistory: Elders: Henry Smith and Fred Flaugh; Deacons: Paul J. Freyermuth and Hugh Dupont. During the pastorate of the Rev. J. D. Thomas the St. Mark's church was remodeled. In 1900 Miss Lucy M. Powell, a member of St. Mark's Congregation, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Powell, was elected as a teacher in the Girl's School in Sendai, Japan, holding this position for seven years.

St. John's Congregation.

St. John's Congregation was organized by Rev. L. D. Leberman in 1861. A church was erected before the congregation was organized. Rev. D. B. Ernst and L. D. Leberman officiated at the corner stone laying and dedication. Elders: Jonathan Berger and Levi Peters; Deacons: Henry Hollabaugh and Peter Steiner. The church has a membership of 88. The present consistory is: Elders: Grant Nelson and Meade Hoffman; Deacons: Fred Pattison and C. E. Peters, Jr.

Zion's Congregation.

Zion's Congregation has a membership of 72. The present consistory is: Elders: W. A. Pattison, Jr., and Frank Walters; Deacons: Elmer Loubold and John Kohler.

Trinity Church.

Trinity Church has a membership of 26. The consistory at present is: Elders: Henry Knodler and H. B. Hecker; Deacons: Henry Rung and James P. Crookham.

The St. Mark's and St. John's Congregations of this charge were at one time connected with the Meadville congregation. Pastors:

Rev. John Kretzing	1863—1873
Rev. Josiah May.....	1874—1876
Rev. John W. Pontius.....	1877—1887
Rev. John D. Thomas.....	1887—1896
Rev. D. E. Master	1896—1901
Rev. H. H. Wiant.....	1901—1904
Rev. W. S. Fisher.....	1904—1911
Rev. C. G. Shupe.....	1911—

MEADVILLE CHARGE

ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATION

St. Paul's Church, of Meadville, Pa., was organized by Rev. Benjamin Boyer in 1826. Mr. Boyer resided in Saegertown and came to Meadville every two weeks and preached to the congregation in the courthouse.

A small wooden church was erected in connection with the Lutherans on the corner of Pine and Chancery Streets in 1847. Rev. Boyer served the congregation until 1850, when he was succeeded by Rev. D. B. Ernst. From 1854 to 1859 the congregation was supplied by several men who were not ministers of the Reformed Church. Rev. L. D. Leberman became pastor in 1859. Sometime later the Reformed interest in this property was sold to the Lutherans and a church was built on the corner of Park Avenue and Poplar street in 1867.

A conflict between the English and Germans occasioned a division in 1868. In 1909 a large new church with all modern conveniences was built. The congregation is incorporated and well organized. The membership is 286. A parsonage was built in 1895. The pastors were:

Rev. Benjamin Boyer....	1826—1850
Rev. D. B. Ernst.....	1850—1854
Rev. L. D. Leberman.....	1859—1866
Reev. F. B. Hahn.....	1885—1888
Rev. T. S. Land.....	1889—1895
Rev. A. M. Schaffner.....	1895—1899
Rev. F. L. Kerr.....	1899—1903
Rev. Lewis Reiter	1903—1905
Rev. B. B. Ferer	1905—



ST. PAUL'S REFD. CHURCH, MEADVILLE, PA.

DEWEY AVENUE REFORMED CHURCH, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Dewey Avenue Reformed church was organized July 30th, 1912, by Rev. Walter R. Clark with 39 charter members. C. Van Aalst and F. C. Hall were elected Elders, and John De Visser and J. C. Van Ryne, Deacons. The corner stone of the church was laid Nov. 10th, 1912. The ministers assisting the pastor were Revs. D. A. Souders, D. D., J. M. G. Darms, D. D., and W. H. Hoch. The church was dedicated June 15th, 1913, the ministers assisting being: Revs. J. M. S. Darms, D. D., Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D., D. A. Souders, D. D., A. B. Bauman, and D. B. Clark. The cost of the church was 14,000. The church was decorated in 1918 at a cost of \$1400. At the re-dedication Sept. 29th, of that year, Elder Jos. S. Wise, treasurer of the Home Mission Board, made the address. The present membership is 225. The pastors have been: Rev. Walter R. Clark, from May 16th, 1912, to April 1st, 1917; Rev. Addison H. Groff, from August 15th, 1917, to the present time.

PYMATUNING CHARGE

St. Mark's, Zion's and Jerusalem Congregations.

St. Mark's.

The St. Mark's Congregation of New Hamburg, was organized by Rev. H. F. Hartman, pastor of the West Greenville charge, Sept. 30th, 1860, with thirty members, and an old church in the village was bought for the use of the congregation. In 1865 this congregation and a newly organized congregation in Greenville were made a charge, and Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher became the pastor. He continued for thirteen years, when he was succeeded by Rev. F. B. Hahn in 1878, and he by Rev. S. H. Eisenberg in 1885. Rev. A. M. Keifer became pastor in 1890, H. I. Crow, 1895 to 1901; J. W. Albertson, 1901 to 1903; D. W. Kerr, 1903 to 1906; E. C. Musselman, 1906 to 1908; W. S. Fisher, 1910 to 1914; H. S. Garner, 1915 to 1918.

A new church was built in 1894, at a cost of \$7,000. The next year the congregation was separated from the

Greenville charge and made a charge by itself. In 1909 it was connected with the Zion's congregation at Transfer and the Jerusalem congregation in Hickory Township in a new charge called the Pymatuning charge.

The St. Mark's congregation has ninety-seven members. The Elders at present are: S. B. Hall, J. A. Kashner, W. F. Heckman and W. H. Saul; the Deacons: I. E. George, R. B. Buckley, C. A. Kashner and C. C. Stoyer.

Zion's Church.

Zion's Congregation of the Pymatuning charge began in 1853, when some thirty members of the Reformed and Lutheran congregations at Good Hope erected a "more convenient" place of worship at Rickerts corners, Pymatuning Township. Because of opposition on the part of the mother church the organization was not completed until the following year, during the pastorate of Rev. Frederick Wahl. The first communion was held in May, 1854, when there were twenty communicants. The first officers were: Elder John Zimmerman; Deacons: Samuel Kemerer and George Batteiger; treasurer, Solomon Diefenderfer.

The Reformed congregation decided to change its place of worship from Rickerts corner to Transfer in 1900, during the pastorate of Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., and in 1902, during the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Muir dedicated a new brick church. Dr. Lady then of New Kensington, Pa., preached the dedication sermon, and Rev. O. H. Strunck of Schuylkill Haven made the financial address. Judge Miller of Mercer addressed the congregation in the afternoon.

This congregation constituted a part of the "West Greenville," later the Shenango charge, until Dec. 4, 1909, when in connection with the St. Mark's congregation, New Hamburg, and the Jerusalem, or Hickory congregation, the Pymatuning charge was constituted, which was served by the following pastors:

Rev. Will S. Fisher.....	1911—1914
Rev. H. S. Garner.....	1915—1918

GRACE CHURCH, BUFFALO, N. Y.

On October 1st, 1914, the Board of Home Missions sent the Rev. O. H. Dorschel to begin work in the district of this city called Kensington. A place was finally selected about a mile from the nearest Reformed church of which there were already seven in the city. It was a promising district for our work since so many of our people were locating there. On Dec. 6th, following, the organization was effected with eight charter members. It worshipped at first in the lower flat of a building across the street from its present location. It was soon evident that a better and more suitable place of worship was necessary. Within a few weeks after the work was started a lot was secured with the aid of the Board of Home Missions which also assisted in putting up the present house of worship. The corner stone was laid on Sunday, May 2d, 1915, by the pastor, the pastors of the other Reformed churches of the city assisting at this service.

It was fortunate for Grace to be called into existence at this time from a financial point of view since the prices of materials were not yet in the ascendancy. Thus it happened that we obtained a property of 100x120 feet, with a brick veneered building 35x50 feet, completely furnished for \$8500, the sum invested by the Board. Last December Grace church was privileged to celebrate its Fifth Anniversary and rejoice in having been permitted to increase the valuation of its property to \$24000, without any help from the board. The building was enlarged to make room for a pipe organ, given to us by Zion Reformed church of Buffalo which was overhauled and installed by Grace church. An adjoining lot was purchased and paid for, on which a Community House has been erected in the past year. A parsonage was also built last year and the pastor is now comfortably housed on the church property. The church is located in a growing section of the city, and prospects for a flourishing congregation are good.

The present membership is 172 persons.

CHAPTER XXVI.

SOMERSET CLASSIS

By Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.

The territory of Somerset Classis lies between the Allegheny Mountains on the East and the Laurel Hill on the West. For a hundred years after the Declaration of Independence, no railroad traversed this section of the state. Because of this isolation the Reformed church developed in a large measure its own life and spirit.

The people who settled in this territory came largely from eastern Pennsylvania and eastern Maryland. Many of the family names of Somerset County are found in the eastern portion of the country.

In the early days of the church pastors in the east were wont to make occasional missionary tours to outlying sections west of them. Evidence of such visits to Somerset County is found in the records which state that on Oct. 9th, 1777, seventeen children were baptized in Berlin, and a number of others again in 1779; in neither case is the name of the officiating minister given.

The Berlin congregation is not only the oldest congregation in the classis but for many years it was the center of the Reformed church in this section of the country. Its first pastor mentioned was Rev. John William Weber, who came to Western Pennsylvania in 1782, locating in Westmoreland County. He came from time to time to Somerset County and ministered to the Reformed people at Berlin and probably visited also Salisbury. He was regarded as the pastor of the Berlin congregation as late as 1788, in which year, however, the despicable Rev. Cyriacus Spangenberg took charge of this field. As stated in another chapter of this book, in

1794 he stabbed to death Elder Jacob Glessner in the church. For the commission of this crime he was hanged in the town of Bedford.

In 1794 or 1795 Rev. Henry Giese became the pastor of the Berlin charge, serving at first, Berlin, Salisbury and Bedford. He remained in this field a period of thirty-eight years, during which he traveled all over the county and organized congregations as opportunity offered, at Somerset, New Centreville, Samuels, now Levansville, Wellersburg, Stoyestown, Stonycreek and Sanners, all of which in addition to Berlin and Salisbury he served at one time, when he was the only Reformed minister in the county.

In 1818 Rev. J. H. Kieffer, M. D., arrived and took charge of Somerset, New Centreville and Sanners congregations. He established a preaching point at the Rhodes Schoolhouse out of which later grew the Beam church. Mr. Kieffer left under a cloud in 1825 or 26. In 1827 Rev. H. E. F. Voigt became pastor of Wellersburg and neighboring congregations, which he served for about two years. Then for five or six years, Rev. Mr. Giese was again the only Reformed minister in the county.

In 1831 Rev. Herman Ibbeken came to Mr. Giese's aid and served Somerset, Samuel's, Gideon (New Centreville), Rhodes, Friedens, Southampton and Wellersburg. He died in 1845 and was buried in the Somerset cemetery.

In 1833 Father Giese resigned his remaining congregations on account of the infirmities of old age, lived a retired life until 1845 when he was called to his everlasting rest. He was buried in the Reformed graveyard of Berlin. He may appropriately be called the father of the Reformed church in Somerset Classis.

In 1835 Rev. Solomon K. Denius became pastor of the Berlin charge and served it about six years. He was the first to introduce the English language in the services. In the same year Rev. Wm. Conrad became pastor of the Grantsville charge just formed. In 1841 he became pastor of the Berlin charge and was succeeded

in the Grantsville charge in 1846 by Rev. Henry Knepper; and in the same year Rev. Benjamin Knepper became pastor of the Wellersburg charge, another new one formed. From 1844 to 1849 Rev. David B. Ernst was pastor of the Somerset charge. He was followed in 1851 by Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier; in 1858 by Rev. F. K. Levan; in 1861 by Rev. E. R. Eschbaugh; and in 1862 by Rev. G. H. Johnston.

Rev. Mr. Conrad resigned the Berlin charge in 1859; afterwards served the Beam charge from 1859 to 1862, and died in Berlin in 1865; his earthly remains lie in the Berlin graveyard. He was followed in Berlin in 1860 by Rev F. A. Edmonds; in 1864 by Rev. F. Wahl; and in 1866 by Rev. William Rupp.

The Glade charge was organized in 1851 with Stoyestown as its center and was served five years by Rev. John Hoyman and several years by Rev. A. B. Koplin.

The Beam charge organized in 1859 was served several years by Rev. Mr. Conrad, a short time by Rev. W. H. H. Hibschan; and in 1865 Rev. A. J. Heller became its pastor.

The Grantsville charge was served by the following pastors: Revs. H. Knepper, John McConnell, six months; G. A. Fichus, one year; and from 1858 by Rev. A. B. Koplin.

The foregoing historical outline has been made with the intention of leading up to the presence of Revs. A. B. Koplin, G. H. Johnston, A. J. Heller, and William Rupp in this field.

To this group belonged also in the beginning Rev. John H. Sykes, and later, Revs. H. F. Keener and John Ruhl. These brethren united themselves into a body for the defense of churchly Christianity which had been severely assailed. New Measureism, as it was called, had arisen in the country and threatened to sweep everything before it. It naturally belonged to the Methodists and Evangelicals; and the Lutherans, the largest church in the county, had also come almost entirely under the influence of its ideas and practices. Sever-

al of the Reformed pastors and charges had fallen in with the movement, and nearly all of the Reformed congregations of the county were more or less affected by it. In 1867 the above mentioned brethren formed themselves into a ministerium which was maintained for five years, meeting every few months in some congregation. It met in almost every congregation in the county and in some of them several times. The sessions continued from Tuesday evening to Thursday evening inclusive. At the evening sessions sermons were preached and subjects discussed before the congregation. During the day the ministers considered church questions among themselves. Their programs were composed of subjects in church history, christian doctrine and religious cultus. They created a counter revival in churchliness and brought the Reformed church to a consciousness of its own life and spirit and inspired its members with a zeal and devotion to their own church. Bitter opposition was called forth from the advocates of New Measureism and the Reformed ministers and their teaching were criticised and condemned from pulpit and street corner. Later, however, the other churches were also benefitted by the position maintained by the pastors of the Reformed church of this period.

After the organization of Pittsburgh Synod in 1870 it was felt that Westmoreland Classis ought to be divided into several classes. The classis extended from the Kiskiminetas river on the north to the Potomac river at Cumberland on the south. Besides there was at this time scarcely any railroad connection between the different sections of this territory, and as a consequence attendance upon the regular and special meetings of classis was sometimes inconvenient and laborious.

Accordingly in response to petitions properly submitted to it the Pittsburgh Synod, meeting in Greensburg in 1871, ordered two new classes to be formed: Allegheny to be constituted of a portion of Westmoreland Classis;

and Somerset to be composed of the churches in Somerset county and adjacent territory in Maryland.

In obedience to this action of Synod the following ministers and delegate elders of this section of the church met in Salem Reformed church, Frostburg, Md., June 6th, and 7th, 1872: Revs. Benjamin Knepper, G. H. Johnston, William Rupp, A. B. Koplin, H. F. Keener, John Ruhl, and C. Cast, and Elders: A. C. Lepley, Samuel Durst, Philip Hay, Michael Brubaker, Conrad Noltey and Samuel Foust. By appointment of Synod Rev. Wm. Rupp preached the opening sermon and presided at the organization. The officers elected were: Rev. J. Ruhl, president, Rev. H. F. Keener, stated clerk; Rev. Wm. Rupp, treasurer; and Rev. A. B. Koplin, corresponding secretary.

At the time of its organization the classis consisted of the following charges: Berlin, with four congregations, Rev. Wm. Rupp, pastor; Somerset, with four congregations, without a pastor at the time; Paradise with four congregations, Rev. A. B. Koplin, pastor; Wellersburg, with seven congregations, Rev. Benjamin Knepper, pastor; Beam, with five congregations, Rev. H. F. Keener, pastor; Frostburg, with one congregation, Rev. J. Ruhl, pastor; Cumberland, with one congregation (German), Rev. C. Cast, pastor; St. John's, with five congregations, vacant; Dale City (Meyersdale) with two congregations, vacant; Missionary Superintendent of Synod, Rev. G. H. Johnston. There were accordingly nine charges, thirty-three congregations, six pastors and one minister in the employ of Synod without a charge, 2138 confirmed members, 1847 unconfirmed, 1753 communed, seventeen Sunday Schools, 787 scholars, and \$3100 benevolent contributions.

Soon after the organization of classis the following vacant charges received pastors: Somerset, Rev. A. E. Truxal; Meyersdale, Rev. L. D. Steckel, and St. John's, Rev. J. W. Alspach.

Other ministers connected with Classis since then were: F. R. Schwedes, C. U. Heilman, W. H. Bates, S. R. Briden-

baugh, J. S. Wagner twice; W. W. Deatrick, M. H. Diefenderfer, Hiram King, J. M. Schick, W. D. Lefever, G. M. Zacharias, C. Gumbert, I. N. Burger, J. M. Evans, C. H. Reiter, A. R. Kremer, G. A. Schwedes, A. J. Heller, Robert O'Boyle, Aug. Guenther, A. G. Gekeler, R. Fricke, Wm. Rupp, J. B. Stonesifer, E. E. Weller, D. O. Shoemaker, A. C. Snyder, S. C. Long, A. S. Glessner, L. T. Lampe, E. S. Hassler, D. H. Leader, F. Wetzel, H. Dieckman, A. E. Truxal, the second time; E. P. Skyles, J. T. Balliet, U. C. E. Gutelius, C. A. Hauser, J. F. Bair, J. D. Hunsicker, A. Walker, R. F. Main, J. P. Harner, H. S. May, C. B. Rebert, W. H. Lahr, W. C. Sykes, J. F. Kerlin, A. W. Kaske, twice; C. Skyles, S. C. Stover, W. H. Landis, H. H. Wiant, C. G. Shupe, R. R. Jones, W. H. Millhouse, G. E. Metzger, H. S. Garner, D. N. Dittmar, R. H. Dotterer, I. S. Monn, F. E. Lauffer, H. A. D. Baer, D. S. Stephen, A. J. Miller, J. C. Knable, A. S. Kresge, J. W. Albertson, W. A. McClellan, E. F. Hoffmeier, S. R. Kresge, H. H. Spahn, A. J. Herman, L. N. Wilson, L. D. Horn, J. E. Sheetz, M. W. Ruprecht, J. L. Yearick, J. C. Messner, Wm. H. Miller, and J. B. Musser.

The following have been licensed by the classis: John S. Wagner, Cyrus J. Musser, C. R. Ferner, G. A. Schwedes, James B. Stonesifer, Elmer E. Weller, Albert S. Glessner, Ellis S. Hay, H. S. Nicholson, Simon Sipple, Benjamin K. Hay, Dennis Sipple, John C. Knable, Paul B. Rupp, Robert M. Stahl, Cyrus F. Glessner.

The revival of churchliness produced by the labors of the ministerium, of which mention was made in a previous paragraph, emphasized christianity as a life that manifests itself in piety and good works. Under the influence of this conception the members of the various congregations were moved to procure new church buildings better fitted for the orderly worship of the Lord. When the classis was organized all of the churches were old and of ancient style, with the single exception of the Wilhelm church of the Paradise charge, to which reference will be made later. In the fall of 1872 a new church was dedicated at New Centreville; a few years afterwards

under Rev. H. F. Keener's pastorate, new churches were erected at Beam's and at Mt. Tabor. Afterwards fine churches were built in Berlin, Meyersdale, Somerset, Salisbury, Cumberland and Frostburg. The congregations in the villages and in rural districts are also equipped with suitable church buildings, that of Mt. Zion being worthy of special mention. In 1913 to 1915 Amity congregation of Meyersdale erected a Sunday School building and social hall, and remodeled the church at considerable expense, and now possesses one of the best and most modern church plants in the Synod.

Officers of Classis.

Somerset Classis has met in almost every congregation within its bounds and in some of them quite frequently. The following table gives the year of meeting and the officers:

OFFICERS OF CLASSES

Year	President	Stated Clerk	Treasurer
1872	Rev. J. Ruhl	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. Wm. Rupp
1873	Rev. A. B. Koplin	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. Wm. Rupp
1874	Rev. A. E. Truxal	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. Wm. Rupp
1875	Rev. Wm. Rupp	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. Wm. Rupp
1876	Rev. L. D. Steckel	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. A. E. Truxal
1877	Rev. C. U. Heilman	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. A. E. Truxal
1878	Rev. W. H. Bates	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. A. E. Truxal
1879	Rev. W. H. Bates	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. A. E. Truxal
1880	Rev. S. R. Briedenbaugh	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. A. E. Truxal
1881	Rev. J. Ruhl	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. S. R. Briedenbaugh
1882	Rev. F. R. Schwedes	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. S. R. Briedenbaugh
1883	Rev. J. S. Wagner	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. S. R. Briedenbaugh
1884	Rev. W. W. Deatrick	Rev. H. F. Keener	Rev. S. R. Briedenbaugh
1885	Rev. J. M. Schick	Rev. J. S. Wagner	Rev. S. R. Briedenbaugh
1886	Rev. Hiram King	Rev. J. S. Wagner	Rev. J. S. Wagner
1887	Rev. J. M. Evans	Rev. J. S. Wagner	Rev. J. S. Wagner
1888	Rev. A. R. Kremer	Rev. C. H. Reiter	Rev. J. M. Schick
1889	Rev. W. D. Lefever	Rev. C. H. Reiter	Rev. A. J. Heller
1890	Rev. Wm. Rupp	Rev. A. J. Heller	Rev. A. J. Heller
1891	Rev. A. G. Gekeler	Rev. A. J. Heller	Rev. A. J. Heller
1892	Rev. Hiram King	Rev. A. J. Heller	Rev. A. J. Heller
1893	Rev. J. M. Evans	Rev. A. J. Heller	Rev. A. J. Heller
1894	Rev. Wm. Rupp	Rev. A. J. Heller	Rev. A. J. Heller

OFFICERS OF CLASS—(Continued.)

1895	Rev. A. C. Snyder	Rev. E. S. Hassler	Rev. D. H. Leader
1896	Rev. A. S. Glessner	Rev. E. S. Hassler	Rev. D. H. Leader
1897	Rev. S. C. Long	Rev. E. S. Hassler	Rev. D. H. Leader
1898	Rev. D. H. Leader	Rev. E. S. Hassler	Rev. D. H. Leader
1899	Rev. A. E. Truxal	Rev. E. S. Hassler	Rev. E. S. Hassler
1900	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. E. S. Hassler	Rev. E. S. Hassler
1901	Rev. Hiram King	Rev. E. S. Hassler	Rev. E. S. Hassler
1902	Rev. J. T. Balliet	Rev. E. S. Hassler	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1903	Rev. W. C. Sykes	Rev. H. S. May	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1904	Rev. W. H. Lahr	Rev. H. S. May	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1905	Rev. J. F. Kerlin	Rev. H. S. May	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1906	Rev. C. B. Rebert	Rev. H. S. May	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1907	Rev. C. Skyles	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1908	Rev. H. S. May	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1909	Rev. S. C. Stover	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1910	Rev. A. E. Truxal	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. W. C. Sykes
1911	Rev. H. H. Wiant	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. R. H. Dotterer
1912	Rev. G. E. Metgar	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. E. S. Hassler
1913	Rev. D. N. Dittmar	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. Frank Wetzell
1914	Rev. Ira S. Monn	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. Frank Wetzell
1915	Rev. D. S. Stephan	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. Frank Wetzell
1916	Rev. A. S. Kresge	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. Frank Wetzell
1917	Rev. J. W. Albertson	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. Frank Wetzell
1918	Rev. W. A. McClellan	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. Frank Wetzell
1919	Rev. E. F. Hoffmeier	Rev. E. P. Skyles	Rev. Frank Wetzell

In spiritual life and religious activity, progress was also made as indicated by the statistics which are here given by decades.

STATISTICS OF SOMERSET CLASSIS AT ORGANIZATION AND EVERY TEN YEARS

YEAR	MEMBERS				BAPTISMS			ADDITIONS			LOSSES				SUNDAY SCHOOLS		Members of Young People's Societies		Students for Ministry		CONTRIBUTIONS				
	Members	Charges	Congregations	Communicants	Communicants	Unconfirmed	Infant	Adult	Confirmed	By Certificate	Renewal of Profession	Dismissed	Names Erased	Deaths, Completed	Deaths, Unconfirmed	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, Home Dept. and Cradle Roll incl	Members of Young People's Societies	Students for Ministry	For Home Missions	For Foreign Missions	For Education	For Other Benevolences	For Congregational Purposes
1872	7	9	23	2138	1753	1847	187	131	108	65	19	76	30	1941	4	42,753.68	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 3,100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
1882	12	12	36	2878	2579	2055	234	27	202	125	36	40	51	27	233	2030	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,381.00
1892	9	12	37	3269	2699	2205	186	27	209	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,841.00
1902	16	15	40	4030	3298	2129	209	25	182	109	67	50	51	21	32	389	2859	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,248.00
1912	13	15	39	4198	3434	2158	172	24	139	90	25	82	108	47	16	35	441	3956	185	4	2140 00	1,072.00	625.00	2863.00	18,554.00
1922	20	17	39	4749	3877	2489	223	44	215	89	33	102	117	60	13	37	481	4613	427	2	4458.00	\$4,221.00	1554.00	6759.00	38,783.00

For the year 1919 the following figures are given: ministers, 21; charges, 16; congregations, 40; members, 4464; Sunday Schools, 36; Sunday School Scholars, 5264; benevolent contributions, \$16,387. This does not show a rapid but a steady and healthy growth. In membership the increase has been over 100 per cent., and in contributions, over 500 per cent. The uneven figures in the column of benevolence are caused by special efforts made at times for some general cause of the church and by an occasional large individual contribution.

The territory covered by Somerset Classis does not afford many opportunities for mission work, yet the classis has in past years been lengthening its cords as well as strengthening its stakes. It planted congregations in new places as follows: at Hyndman, in Bedford County; at Glencoe, in Somerset County; in the city of Cumberland (English) which now is self-supporting with a fine church and parsonage; at Ellerslie and Corriganville, in Maryland; at Jenners and Boswell, in the north of Somerset County. More might be accomplished along this line if men and money were not wanting; though mission fields within the bounds of classis are neither numerous nor very promising. Rev. Henry Knepper before coming to the Grantsville charge as mentioned before, reported to classis as pastor of the Mt. Carmel, Glades, Crab Orchard, Cuppet's, Frankhausers, and Nesler's congregations, which with one exception were in Preston County, Va. All these became extinct.

The people of Somerset Classis have always been of a genial and hospitable disposition. This was perhaps more marked in the early days when they had less connection with the outside world. Ministers and elders in attendance upon the meetings of classis or in going to and from such meetings, would always find a hearty welcome in the homes of Reformed people. Often six or eight would receive entertainment in the same house. When Westmoreland Classis met in the Somerset section the ministers and elders from the west would invariably in going to and from the meetings stop for meals or lodg-

ing at the large farm house of Abraham Beam at the foot of Laurel Hill in the northern part of the county. Not infrequently ten or twelve would be cordially entertained at the same time by this hospitable family. Mr. Beam's bequest to the church will be mentioned later. The same general spirit of hospitality pervaded all of the people in those early days, and it has not died out yet. The fresh air, pure water, fine butter, maple syrup and sugar, buckwheat cakes and smoked sausage so generously offered, have made the tables of Somerset County people very inviting to all guests.

Very few persons in the Reformed or any church contribute or bequeath all their possessions to the church. This was done in two cases in Somerset Classis—

1st. The Wilhelm Bequest. Christian Wilhelm and Elizabeth, his wife, the parents of this family were German people. They died in 1835 and 1840 and are buried in Salisbury. They had accumulated considerable wealth. They had three sons and five daughters. The sons and three of the daughters never married, and these received the main portion of their father's estate which they in after years by their industry and frugality largely increased. Each one of these before he or she died conveyed his or her interests to those remaining. Finally the entire estate found its way into the hands of Peter Wilhelm who by common agreement was to convey it by bequest to the institutions at Lancaster; which he also did. But he died within the limits of a calendar month, which threw the case into court. The College in order to effect a settlement, was compelled to pay \$40,000 to the collateral heirs. In his will Peter bequeathed small sums to a few persons, several thousand dollars to local churches and over 2000 acres of land to the College and Seminary at Lancaster. The surface of the land has all been sold and from it the institutions have realized \$40,000 over and above all expenses and they yet own all minerals, coal, oil and gas, underlying the land.

The Wilhelms were not members of the church until they were past sixty years of age. Rev. A. B. Koplin,

pastor at Salisbury, began preaching at a school house three or four miles out of town. The Wilhelms attended the services. Mr. Koplin organized a catechetical class and the Wilhelms united with it. In 1860 a class of nineteen was confirmed and thirteen were received on certificate, and with these thirty-two a congregation was organized in a Mennonite Union church in which it worshipped eight years. In 1868 the congregation erected a church of its own. The Wilhelms donated ground for the church, a sexton house and land for a cemetery. The church cost \$14,000 of which the Wilhelms contributed \$11,000. They also purchased a pipe organ for the church costing \$900, and employed an instructor to teach young Demetrius Compton to play it. The Wilhelms were uneducated, uncouth in manner and appearance, but confident and generous hearted. Their union with the church effected a marked change in their lives.

2d. Abraham Beam, whose hospitality was mentioned in a previous paragraph, was born Sept. 9th, 1797. He was the son of Christopher Beam who came from York County and settled in the northwestern part of Somerset County. When Abraham was twenty-five years of age he was instructed and confirmed in the Rhodes school-house by Rev. J. H. Kieffer, pastor at Somerset. In 1842 a church was erected on a plot of ground donated by Mr. Beam who also contributed liberally toward its erection, and the church from that day until now is known as the Beam Church. To every church built in that section of the county Mr. Beam contributed from five to fifty dollars. In 1858 he became a life member of "Domestic Missions," Rev. P. C. Prugh, president at the time, and Rev. Thomas H. Winters, secretary. In 1872 he contributed \$100 to Franklin and Marshall College. When the home church was re-built he gave \$1700 in money and furnished a large amount of free labor by team and men. He enjoyed the conversation of ministers and elders; read the *Messenger* from its origin; read the *Guardian* in its day and also the *Review*. He was an intelligent member, and devoted to every interest of the church.

Mr. Beam died in 1893 at the age of 96 years. His possessions at the time of his death consisted almost entirely of farm and mountain land. By will he ordered this to be used for the support of his widow and unmarried son. At their death his estate was to pass into the possession of the Reformed church. His main idea was that it should be employed for the education of any of his descendents or other young men for the Gospel ministry in the Reformed church. His lands at his death were worth perhaps \$5000. Since then coal has been discovered and developed in the community and the property is now valued at \$150,000. The changed conditions and the complicated stipulations of the will made it necessary to submit the case to the court of the county. At this date not all of the points involved have been passed upon but the decisions thus far rendered make it certain that the bequest will go in some form to the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

The Reformed church of Somerset County has been noted for large families. For many generations the descendents of old settlers would remain in the county. The *Glessner Family* is such a one. Jacob Glessner the founder of it came to the county in 1735 and located on a farm near Berlin. He was an Elder in the congregation and in 1794 was stabbed to death in the church by the notorious Spangenberg. His descendents multiplied and many of the congregations in the classis have Glessners on their membership roll. Many have belonged to the eldership. Two ministers, Rev. A. S. Glessner of Greenville, Ohio, and Rev. Cyrus T. Glessner of Ephrata, Pa., belong to this family.

Another old and large family is the *Hay Family*. Three Hay brothers emigrated from Germany in 1763. One of them located in Kentucky, the other two settled in Somerset County, and became the ancestors of the large Hay family scattered all over the county. Simon, one of the above named brothers became the founder of Hay's Mill. One of his sons, Peter S., was the father of five sons and five daughters. The sons, David, Michael, Philip, Peter S.,

and Valentine were all of them elders in their day at Wilhelms, Salisbury, Zion's, and Somerset. Valentine Hay endowed a professorship in Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio. Many of the Hays have belonged to the eldership and two are ministers. Rev. Ellis S. Hay of Chicago, and Rev. Benjamin K. Hay, of Mt. Jackson, Va.

The Baer Family. Christopher Baer came to this country in 1743 and located in Lehigh County; his son Jacob came to Mt. Savage, Md., and his son Solomon located in Berlin, Somerset County, and was the father of five sons and four daughters all of whom are deceased. One son died in childhood, four grew to manhood and became prominent lawyers of the Somerset bar. Henry Giese died in middle life; George F., moved to Reading and acquired a national reputation as a lawyer and railroad president. William J., was a member of the constitutional convention in 1872, and judge of the Somerset courts from 1890 to 1900; Herman practiced law to the day of his death. These men and their sisters were intelligent and prominent members of the church. The Somerset congregation was for many years largely dependent upon them for support and inspiration. Their influence was felt throughout the entire county. They contributed toward the erection of every church in the district. They were a liberal and generous family.

Other large families of long standing are the Mussers, the Brandts and the Hangers in the center of the county; the Zimmermans, Beams and Bieseckers, in the north; the Engels, the Glotfeltys and Stantons in the south; and others in different localities.

Many individual members in Somerset Classis or who had been members of it are worthy of mention. Space permits only a few to be noted.

Philip Hay. Philip Hay, a life-long member and for many years an elder of the Mt. Zion church belonged to the Hay family, which has already been spoken of. He was born in 1819 and died in 1901 in his eighty-third year. He attended many meetings of classis as a delegate elder or as a visitor. No dedication of a Reformed

church within fifteen miles of his home took place which he did not attend. And he always made a liberal contribution toward such a church. He cheerfully supported the home church and contributed liberally to the institutions and benevolent operations of the church in general. Before his death he counseled his sons to support the schools of the church, saying: "They are very important." He was a faithful reader of the *Messenger* and of the *Review*. He was a useful member in his day and generation. His sons and daughters, all of them, are or were loyal and honorable members of the Reformed church.

C. W. Truxal. C. W. Truxal was born near Greensburg in Westmoreland County. When a young man he came to Somerset County and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1877 he was married to Miss Martha Zimmerman, a daughter of Elder Wm. Zimmerman. In 1883 he located in Meyersdale and continued in business until 1912. He was the organizer and for many years the president of the Second National Bank of Meyersdale. In 1909 he planned and superintended the construction of the fine bank building in the center of the town.

From early life he was an active and liberal member of the church. When not worth more than \$5000 he contributed \$1000 to the erection of a new church for the Amity congregation. As a member of the committee to raise funds for the Pittsburgh Synod's professorship in the Seminary he gave \$500 and aided in the canvass of the classis and by his addresses and contribution was an inspiration to ministers and people. To the science building of Franklin and Marshall college he gave \$1000. To the erection of a Sunday School building and social hall and the remodeling of the church he contributed \$1200. Smaller sums he gave at different times to various churches and institutions.

He has been a reader of the *Messenger* and the *Review* and has contributed articles to their columns. He is not a college man, but he has been a student. He received much inspiration under the ministration of the late Dr. Rupp as pastor of the church. He has studied philosophy,

theology and sociology, and he is able to give a reason for the faith that is in him. He has held the various offices of the congregation, and been a delegate to Classis, Synod and General Synod. He has retired from business and declined office in the church, though he continues to teach the men's class in the Sunday School and is temporarily manager of the Humanola company. He is one of the intelligent elders of the Reformed church.

Fred W. Biesecker, of Somerset

Frederick Winters Biesecker, son of John Biesecker of Jenner Township, was born March 10, 1858; graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1880; entered the legal profession in 1882 and was elected to the office of District Attorney, serving two terms in succession of three years each. In his youth he was confirmed a member of the Reformed Church and has been deacon and trustee in the congregation. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall college and in 1919 was made vice president to succeed Mr. Nathan C. Schaeffer. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

His benefactions have been many and various. Towards the remodeling of the church in Somerset he contributed \$1600; towards the endowment fund of Franklin and Marshall college, \$1500; towards the dormitory of the seminary, \$2500; to North Japan college, \$500. And he has lately contributed \$30,000, towards the erection of a new gymnasium at Franklin and Marshall college, which will be known as the Biesecker gymnasium.

On October 14, he was married to Mary Ogle Scull, a daughter of the late Hon. Edward Scull of Somerset. His wife died June 1, 1917, having no children.

Mr. Biesecker was one of the organizers and is vice president of the First National Bank of Somerset; was one of the organizers and is director of the Somerset Trust company; was many years president of the Somerset Telephone company until it was merged with another

company; was one of the organizers and is the president of the Globe Fire Insurance Company of Somerset County; and is president of the Somerset Library Association. He continues to practice law and attend to his various business interests.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF MINISTERS OF
SOMERSET CLASSIS

JOHN W. ALBERTSON

John W. Albertson, son of Emmanuel and Sarah Ann Albertson, was born at Coningham, Luzerne County, Pa., Jan. 27th, 1867; educated at Columbus Academy, Keystone Normal, Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Wyoming Classis May, 1900; ordained by St. Paul's Classis Aug. 31st of the same year: committee: Revs. A. M. Keifer, D. W. Kerr, J. E. Sheetz, and M. M. George. Pastorates: Hamburg charge, Pa., one year; Buffalo Valley charge, Pa., four and one-half years; Ligonier Valley charge, Pa., seven and one-half years; Beam charge, Pa., since Nov. 1913. Married Aug. 21st, 1900, to Miss Jennie C. Adams. Three children belong to this family: Ruth Elizabeth, Mary Pauline, and David Henry.

EDGAR F. HOFFMEIER

Edgar F. Hoffmeier, B. D., son of Emelius and Lucinda (Defibaugh) Hoffmeier, was born at Everett, Pa., July 6th, 1879; educated at Mercersburg College, Franklin and Marshall College, Union Theological Seminary, graduating from the Seminary in 1908 with degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the University of the State of New Jersey; during seminary course at Union he was assistant at Claremont Park Congregational Church; licensed by Westmoreland Classis Sept., 1908; ordained and installed pastor of Grace Church, Baltimore, Md., by Maryland Classis: committee: Revs. A. B. Bauman, James M. Mullan and Clayton H. Ranck. Resigned Jan., 1914, to accept a call to the Somerset charge. June 14th, 1911, he was married to Miss Hester Bowers Levan, daughter of Rev. Chas. W. Levan, D. D., of Baltimore. Two children: Catherine and Charles Levan. Mr. Hoffmeier is a member of Synod's Sunday School Board, and was president of Somerset Classis in 1919.

HIRAM KING

Hiram King, D. D., son of Thomas and Catherine King, was born at Cochran's Mills, Pa., July 17th, 1839; married to Miss Sarah Franz, July 30th, 1859; served during the Civil War in the 212th Pennsylvania Volunteers (6th Heavy Artillery); was educated in public and private schools; Franklin and Marshall College, 1870; Eastern Theological Seminary, 1873; licensed and ordained by West Susquehanna Classis, Oct. 10th, 1873; pastor at Bellefonte, 1873-79, and at Somerset, 1881-1913; wrote for the "*Guardian*," "*Reformed Review*," and "*Lutheran Quarterly*;" was president of Somerset Classis and of Synod; member of the Board of Beneficiary Education and of Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary. In 1904 the title of D. D. was conferred on him by his Alma Mater. Mrs. King died in 1913. Children: Ida Catherine, Arthur Adolphus, Laura Eugenia and Irene Rosetta.



ALFRED SCHICK KRESGE



Alfred, son of Michael and Lydia Kresge, was born Aug. 10th, 1853, at McMichaels, Pa.; educated at Pleasant Valley Academy and by private study under Rev. J. D. Woodring, D. D.; licensed and ordained by East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Church; in 1911 was received into the Reformed Church by Iowa Classis; commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to do missionary work west of the Mississippi; served Conesville, Iowa, one year; Plymouth, Ind., one year; Wills Creek, Pa., four years, Hyndman, Pa., since 1917. He was president of Somerset Classis in 1916. In 1878 Mr. Kresge was married to Miss Savannah Brong. Their children were: Teressa B., Lucretius Garfield, Ralph Ormsby, Seward Roswell, Bessie Claire, and Sarah Hazeltien. Mrs. Kresge having died, Mr. Kresge was married the second time in 1909 to Mrs. Alice E. Greir.

J. C. MESSNER

J. C., son of Heber W. and Emma Elizabeth (Schneider) Messner, was born at Bowansville, Lancaster County, Pa., July 5th, 1891; graduated from Millersville State Normal School, 1911; taught in public schools and Perkiomen Academy; graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1916; and from the Eastern Theological Seminary in 1919; licensed by Lancaster Classis, May 21st, 1919; ordained by Somerset Classis, June 1st, 1919; committee: Revs. E. P. Skyles, and Adolphus W. Von Kaske. Married to Miss Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Robert C. Moyer, of Schaefferstown, Pa., Aug. 19th, 1919.



W. A. MILLER

W. A. Miller, the son of Thomas and Susan Miller was born in New Britain Township, Berks County, Pa., Dec. 15th, 1870; educated in Ursinus Academy, College and Seminary; licensed by Philadelphia Classis in May, 1901; ordained by Illinois Classis the following July; committee: Revs. J. C. Horning and G. W. Kerstetter. Pastorate: Shelbyville, Ill., one year; Hamilton, Pa., four years; Hickory Bottom, Pa., two years; E. Berlin, Pa., Six years; St. David's, Pa., three and one-half years; and Wills Creek, Pa., since 1917. Mr. Miller was married to Miss Rose Wanner, June 1st, 1901. Two children: Mildred E., and Donald Earl.

IRA SNIVELY MONN

Ira Snively, son of William and Charlotte (Brandt) Monn, was born Nov. 20th, 1877, at Quincy, Franklin County, Pa.; educated at Mercersburg Academy, Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating from college in 1907, and from the seminary in 1910; in May of the same year he



was licensed by Mercersburg Classis and on June 26th, following, was ordained by Somerset Classis: committee: Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., and S. C. Stover. At the same time he was installed pastor of the Paradise charge which he continues to serve. Rev. Mr. Monn was married June 22d, 1910, to Miss Emma Susan Eyer of Chambersburg, Pa. They have one child, Joseph Snively, eight years old; and have taken Robert Monn Kemp, a motherless child to bring up in the family.

JAMES BLAINE MUSSER

James Blaine, son of Edwin and Sarah Musser was born at Lincoln, Lancaster County, Pa., Feb. 25th, 1881; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Lancaster Classis June 3d, 1910, and ordained by the same Classis Aug. 21st, following: committee: Revs. D. G. Glass, A. O. Bartholomew and J. H. Pannebecker, D. D., officiating. Served: Lititz, Pa., 1910-1911; Orwigsburg, Pa., 1911-1914; Ellwood, City, Pa., 1914-1919; Glade, Pa., 1919..... Organized Lititz and served it three years when in the Seminary; served six years as secretary of the Lancaster County Sunday School Association. Married Jan. 4th, 1916, to Miss Mary Ellen Long, of Manheim, Pa.

W. A. McCLELLAN



W. A., son of Joseph and Eliza McClellan, was born in Mifflin County, Pa., May 15th, 1860; educated in Spring Mills Academy and the Theological Seminary; licensed by Juniata Classis; ordained and installed pastor of the Pleasant Unity, Pa., charge, by Westmoreland Classis, May, 1899: committee: Revs. C. M. Hartzell, and S. B. Mase, D. D. In 1909, he went to White Deer charge, West Milton, Pa., for three and one-

half years; and to Coningham, Pa., one year; coming to the New Centreville, Pa., charge in 1913. President of Synod in 1919; Dr. W. N. McClellan, of Garret, Pa., is his son and Grace R. McClellan is his daughter.

JACOB EDWIN SCHEETZ

Jacob E., the only son of Levi and Catharine (Nearley) Scheetz, of Millersburg, Pa., was born Dec. 24th, 1873; baptized by Rev. William Leshner, and confirmed by Rev. Tilghman Derr; received his education at Palatinate College, Franklin and Marshall College, and Academy, and the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., graduating from College in 1897 and from the Seminary in 1900. In May of the same year he was licensed at Herndon by East Susquehanna Classis, and in July following he was ordained and installed pastor of the Sharpsville charge by St. Paul's Classis: committee: Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., A. M. Keifer and Moses N. George. Pastorates: Sharpsville, Pa., 1900-1904; Denmark-Manor, Pa., charge, 1904-1910; New Kensington, Pa., 1910-1917; Zion's charge, Pa., 1917..... On April 14th, 1904, Mr. Scheetz was married to Miss Gertrude A. Reichard of Sharpsville, Pa.



EUGENE PIERRE SKYLES

Eugene Pierre, son of Rev. N. H. Skyles, was born at Schellsburg, Pa., Feb. 19th, 1870; educated at Frederick City Academy, Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed by Virginia Classis; ordained and installed pastor of the Zion's charge in 1895, by the Classis of Somerset. In Jan., 1914, he became pastor of the Cumberland, Md. mission which he continues to serve now as a self-supporting charge. In 1900 he was married to Miss Mary Johnson, of Berlin, Pa. One daughter, Charlotte, is their child. Mr. Skyles

has been president of classis and of synod, stated clerk of classis, editor of the *Visitor*, member of Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home; member of the Board of Trustees of Hood College and of Massanutten Academy; and a member of General Synod's Committee on the New Hymnal.

D. SNIDER STEPHAN

D. Snider, son of Elder Andrew N. and Mary A. Stephan, was born in Westminster, Maryland, Feb. 25th, 1870; educated at Mercersburg Academy, graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1891, and from the Eastern Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., in 1894; licensed to preach the gospel by Maryland Classis, June 1894; ordained to the Christian ministry by Westmoreland Classis, Oct., 1894: committee: Revs. D. N. Dittmar, and S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D. His first pastorate was the Youngstown charge in Westmoreland Classis, and extended over a period of five years. On Nov. 15th, 1899, he became the first pastor of the First Reformed (mission) church of Vandergrift, Pa., and served this congregation until March 31st, 1912. Since April 1st, 1912, he has been the pastor of the Trinity Reformed church, Berlin, Pa. Rev. Mr. Stephan was married Jan. 25th, 1900, to Miss Mary Martha Baumer, daughter of Herman and Catherine (Metzgar) Baumer, of Johnstown, Pa. They have one child, Mary Catherine.

ALBERT ELI TRUXAL



Albert E. Truxall, D. D., son of Wm. and Anna (Ruch) Truxal, was born Oct. 30th, 1844, near Greensburg, Pa.; educated at Franklin and Marshall College, class of 1869 and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., class of 1872; ordained by Somerset Classis Aug. 13th, 1872: committee: Revs. G. H. Johnston, Wm. Rupp and A. B. Koplin. Pastorates: Somerset

charge, Pa., 1872-1880; Irwin, Pa., 1880-1887; Brush Creek, Pa., 1887-1894; Meyersdale, Pa., 1894..... President of Somerset Classis and of Pittsburgh Synod; vice-president of General Synod; served on Synodical Boards; Orphans' Home; Beneficiary Education; Missions; Publication; Visitors to the Seminary; contributed many articles to the *Messenger* and *Review*. The title of D. D. was conferred upon him by Franklin and Marshall College in 1892. Rev. Mr. Truxal was married Sept. 12th, 1876, to Miss Eva Kooser. Their children are: Albert Park, William Curtis, Captain of an infantry company in the World War; Cyrus W., Captain in the Medical Corps, serving in Siberia; Rebekah, and Evelyn Truxal. The last is now Mrs. J. C. Ritchie.

ADOLPHUS WILLIAM VON KASKE

Adolphus W., son of John Adolph and Julia Christine (Charnack) Von Kaske, was born at Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 3d, 1872; educated at Calvin College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed by Lancaster Classis, May 17th, 1901, and ordained by the German Maryland Classis Aug. 21st, 1901: committee: Revs. Paul Wieand and Heinrich Schleuter. Charges served: Zion's, Cumberland, Md., one year; Glade, Pa., 1902-1905; Emmanuel, Haskins, Ohio, 1905-1907; First Church, Bay City, Mich., 1907-1910; First Church, Sandusky, Ohio, 1910-1914; Federated Churches, Kellys Island, Ohio, 1914-1915; Wellersburg, Pa., 1915..... On June 26th, 1902, Mr. Von Kaske was married to Miss Sophia Rank of Cumberland, Md. Karl Homer, Helen Theresa and Roland Herald, are the children. In March, 1907, during the absence of the family the parsonage at Haskins was destroyed by fire, consuming Mr. Von Kaske's household goods and library. He had the parsonage rebuilt, an old one replaced by a new one at Sandusky, Ohio, and in 1909 organized a Russian congregation at Aux Gres, Mich.

FRANK WETZELL



Frank Wetzell, son of John and Susan Wetzell, of Bellefonte, Pa., was born at Carlhouse, Pa., Nov. 13th, 1852; educated at Bellefonte Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1876, and in the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1880; was licensed and ordained by Northern Illinois Classis: committee: Rev. Daniel Lantz, D. D., and Rev. I.

A. Seits: Pastorates: Dakota charge, Ill., 1880-1882; was principal of Illinois College, 1882-1887; organized Mission at Sioux City, Iowa, and served it until 1890; returned to Dakota charge, 1890-1893; Stoyestown, Pa., 1893-1900; Rebersburg, Pa., 1900-1910; returned to Stoyestown, Pa., 1910 Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod, 1915-1920. On May 18th, 1880, Rev. Wetzell was married to Miss Ellen M. Yearick, of Bellefonte, Pa. They have nine children: one of whom died in infancy, John A., Beulah M., Harvey F., Grace A., Vida M., Walter N., George H., and Minnie P. Wetzell.

L. N. WILSON

L. N., son of McComron C. and Sarah E. Wilson, was born June 11th, 1879, in Fulton County, Ill.; educated in Hiawatha (Kans.) Academy, Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Lancaster Classis, 1911; ordained by Virginia Classis in 1911: committee: Revs. A. W. Barley, N. H.



Skyles and J. M. Souder. Pastorates: Harrisville charge, Va., three years; Brunswick, Md., one year; Wilhelm charge, Pa., four years. Married in 1905 to Miss Anna Mae Weaver. One son, Paul Nevin. For two years was principal of Interior Academy, Dakota, Ill.; editor of *Somerset Classis Visitor*; author of several booklets.

J. LEIDY YEARICK

J. Leidy Yearick, son of Rev. Wm. R. Yearick and his wife, Wilhelmina, was born at Hilltown, Bucks County, Pa., July 21st, 1870; educated at Jacksonville, Centre County, and the Preparatory school at Howard, taught by Lewis Robb, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in May, 1907; licensed by Tohickon Classis; ordained by North Carolina Classis: committee: Revs. John A. Foil and Milton Whitner, on June 20th, 1907; served pastorates at Maiden charge, 1907-1908; Rockwell charge, 1908-1912; both fields in North Carolina; McConnellsburg, Pa., 1912-1918; Jenners, Pa., 1918..... Married to Miss Clara V. Swank of Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 17th, 1898. They had one child, Ralph Walter, Mrs. Yearick died in 1903 and on May 26th, 1907, Rev. Mr. Yearick was married the second time to Mrs. Ida F. Brenner, of Souderton, Pa.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF CHARGES AND CONGREGATIONS OF SOMERSET CLASSIS

BEAM CHARGE

Beam's, St. Peter's and Trinity Congregations.

Beam's Congregation.

This congregation was organized by Rev. J. H. Kieffer, pastor at Somerset, in the early decades of the last century. Mr. Kieffer preached at the Rhodes Schoolhouse, catechised and confirmed the young people. Abraham Beam was confirmed then. Later he gave land for a church and aided largely in its erection. Under the pastorate of Rev. H. F. Keener a new brick church was erected and dedicated Sept. 7th, 1873. Rev. Wm. Rupp preached in English and Rev. A. E. Truxal in German, and Rev. J. W. Alspach assisted in the services.

The first communion list in existence contains fifty-six names. The first officers given are: Elders: Abraham Beam, and Christian Ludy; Deacons: Gillian Walter, Isaac Ankeny, Jonathan Rhodes and Abraham Simpson. The pastors from Somerset are:

Rev. D. B. Ernst.....	1844—1850
Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier.....	1852—1856
Rev. F. K. Levan.....	1857—1858

The Beam charge was then formed and the following pastors served it:

Rev. Wm. Conrad.....	1859—1863
Rev. W. H. H. Hibschan.....	1863—1864
Rev. A. J. Heller.....	1865—1869
Rev. H. F. Keener.....	1870—1875
Rev. W. H. Bates.....	1876—1880
Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer.....	1881—1884
Rev. I. N. Burger.....	1885—1891
Rev. L. T. Lampe.....	1893—1896
Rev. S. C. Long.....	1896—1901
Rev. J. F. Kerlin.....	1902—1905
Rev. W. H. Millhouse.....	1905—1912
Rev. J. W. Albertson.....	1913—

The present membership is 89; Elders: John Biesecker, F. E. Heiple, A. C. Beam and Robert Bell; Deacons: Thos. St. Clair, H. H. Swank, B. F. Fospen, H. E. Pile, E. E. Heiple, F. E. Arisman and James Kimmel.

St. Peter's Congregation at Edie.

This congregation was organized in 1880 or 1881; was recognized as a part of the Beam charge by Classis June 8th, 1881; pastors are the same as those of the Beam church, beginning with Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer. Present membership is 44; Elders: Alex. Brendle, Noah Brendle, and B. F. Kline; Deacons: Cecil Bell, Irwin Brendle, C. R. Arisman, J. Wesley Miller, Wm. Brendle, and Harry Datson.

Trinity Congregation.

Trinity church, of Jennerstown, Pa., was organized by Rev. S. C. Long, Sept. 16th, 1899; Elders: Benjamin Enos and Levi Shaulis; Deacons: J. P. Friedline and J. O. Rauch.

The corner stone of the church was laid by Rev. S. C. Long in 1901. The dedication took place June 2d, 1902, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., preaching the sermon and Revs. H. King, D. D., and the pastor, Rev. J. F. Kerlin, conducting the services.

The pastors are the same as those of the Beam church beginning with Rev. Mr. Long. The present membership is 57; Elders: Wilson Friedline, J. O. Hay and Henry Friedline; Deacons: John Hay, Warren Friedline, Chas Walter, C. F. Spangler, James Ressler, and Evelyn Ressler. This church has the honor of having a young lady as one of the deacons, the only one in the Classis.

SOMERSET CHARGE

St. Paul's and Samuel's Congregations.

St. Paul's Congregation.

This congregation was organized between 1796 and 1800 by Rev. Henry Giese of the Berlin Charge, the only



ST. PAUL'S REFD. CHURCH, SOMERSET, PA.

Reformed minister in the county at the time. He resigned Somerset and other congregations in 1818, and soon thereafter Rev. J. H. Kieffer became the pastor. He resigned in 1825 or 1826; supplied again by Rev. Henry Giese; Rev. Herman Ibbeken, 1833—1844. The succeeding pastors were the following:

Rev. David B. Ernst.....	1844—1850
Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier.....	1852—1856
Rev. F. K. Levan.....	1857—1861
Rev. E. R. Eschbach.....	1861—1862
Rev. Geo. H. Johnston.....	1863—1866
Rev. John H. Sykes.....	1866—1869
Rev. G. H. Johnston.....	1869—1872
Rev. A. E. Truxal.....	1872—1880
Rev. Hiram King.....	1881—1913
Rev. E. F. Hoffmeier.....	1914—

Among the original members of the congregation were Michael Hugus, Elizabeth Hugus, George Shaner, and Rosanna, his wife, Daniel Stahl and wife, Henry Keller and wife, and others. The original church was a stone structure with galleries on three sides; the second church was a two-story frame building; in 1887 a fine brick church of Gothic architecture was erected in a new location. This building was remodeled and enlarged in 1916 at a cost of \$15,500. At the dedication on April 16th, 1916, Rev. H. H. Appel, D. D., LL.D., president of Franklin and Marshall College, preached in the morning and Prof. J. C. Bowman, D. D., president of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., preached in the evening; Rev. Hiram King, D. D., assisted in the services. The membership is 250; Elders: Peter S. Sayler, E. M. Glessner and Alex B. Groff; Deacons: Earl Lint, Edward H. Horner, Edward Scull, T. Clayton Berkey, J. W. Kline and C. L. Davis.

Samuel's Church, New Salem, Pa.

Samuel's Congregation was organized by Rev. Henry Giese about the same time the Somerset Congregation was organized. It was a union church. Later the church was abandoned by agreement of the Lutheran and Re-

formed congregations and each built its own church in the village of Levansville. The agreement above mentioned was not faithfully kept by some parties. Samuel's, now Salem, was served by the same pastors named under St. Paul's, Somerset. Present membership is 50. Elders: W. J. R. Hay, Jacob P. Friedline, and Austin M. Bowman; Deacons: James R. Tayman, Homer F. Bowman and Oran P. Hay.

HYNDMAN CHARGE

Hyndman Congregation.

This church was organized with eighteen members in 1880 by Rev. S. T. Wagner of the Wills Creek charge. A church was erected in 1881 and Rev. Hiram King, preached the dedicatory sermon and Rev. J. M. Schick assisted in the services. The cost of the church was \$1800. This building was totally destroyed in 1891 by a violent storm. The present brick church was erected in 1893 and dedicated Aug. 13th, of that year. Its cost was \$5,000. During its connection with the Wills Creek charge it was served by Revs. S. T. Wagner, C. H. Reiter, and J. B. Stonesifer. In 1891 it was connected with Cumberland and served by Revs. E. E. Weller and A. S. Glessner. In 1896 it became the center of a new charge with several other congregations which were soon afterwards severed from it. The pastors since then have been Rev. A. S. Glessner to 1898; Rev. A. Walker, 1898-1900; Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D., 1901-1905; Rev. D. N. Dittmar, 1909-1913; Rev. S. R. Kresge, 1914-1915; Rev. A. J. Herman, 1915-1917; Rev. A. S. Kresge, 1917.....

The present membership is 129. Elders: Samuel R. Reese, Philip Pisel, M. H. Pierson, and Truman Knippel; Deacons: Anthony Schwack, Chas. A. Sides, Luther Ahlburn, and Hayes Hasselrode.

FROSTBURG CHARGE

Salem Congregation.

The Salem church, of Frostburg, Md., was organized in 1867, by Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, of Somerset, as a German Reformed church and in 1869 received the name of Salem. The consistory in 1869 was: Elders: Sephan Usinger, and Louis Harbel; Deacons: Peter Knieriem, Henry Ebertine, Christian Bachman and John Westband. A frame church costing \$4,000 was dedicated Jan. 3d, 1869, Revs. M. Bachman preaching in German and Geo. H. Johnston in English in the morning; Rev. Mr. Bachman, German, and Rev. A. B. Koplin, English, in the evening; and Revs. A. Wanner and B. Knepper taking part in the services. A new modern church, costing \$16,500 was built in 1916 and dedicated Nov. 26th, of that year; Rev. Dennis Sipple preaching English in the morning and Rev. Conrad Hauser, German. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Hauser preached and Revs. J. N. Beal and Paul G. Saffran made addresses. In the evening Rev. H. S. Nicholson preached. Rev. H. H. Wiant was also present and took part in the services. Rev. Leo Horn was pastor at the time. Pastors: Revs. Aaron Wanner, of Cumberland, till 1869; John Ruhl, 1869-1885; Gustavus A. Swedes, 1885-1886; A. G. Gekeler, 1886-1893; Henry Deickman, 1893-1897; C. A. Hauser, 1897-1900; W. H. Lahr, 1900-1906; G. E. Metgar, 1906-1915; Leo Horn, 1916-1919; and J. C. Messner is the present pastor. The membership is 267; Elders: Jacob Hafer, Geo. Knieriem, Lewis Race, and J. C. Yungerman; Deacons: Henry Ort, Ernest Murphy, Jacob Eisel, Geo. Mayer, August Arnold, and Albert Bolden.

WILLS CREEK CHARGE

Mt. Lebanon, Glenco, St. Mark's and Grace Congregations

The Mt. Lebanon Church.

This congregation was organized in 1875 by the Rev. L. D. Steckel. The church was built in the same year. At

the laying of the corner stone the following ministers were present to take part in the services: The pastor, L. D. Steckel, B. Knepper, C. U. Heilman, F. R. Schwedes, and H. F. Keener. The same ministers with the addition of Rev. A. E. Truxal, performed the dedicatory service. The community needed this church and willingly paid its cost which was \$3,000. The church was remodeled a few years ago at an expense of \$1800. A considerable number of the members were Poorbaughs and Barnums. The pastors of this congregation were:

Rev. L. D. Steckel.....	1875—1881
Rev. S. T. Wagner.....	1882—1884
Rev. C. H. Reiter.....	1885—1888
Rev. J. B. Stonesifer.....	1889—1890
Rev. A. C. Snyder.....	1890—1896
Rev. J. F. Bair.....	1897—1898
Rev. J. D. Hunsicker.....	1898—1905
Rev. C. G. Shupe.....	1905—1908
Rev. A. S. Kresge.....	1913—1916
Rev. W. M. Ruprecht.....	1917—1918
Rev. W. H. Miller.....	1919—

This congregation has at no time been large; its present membership is seventy persons; Elders: N. B. Poorbaugh, C. C. Werner, and Dennis Ackerman; Deacons: S. W. Keefer, Conrad Deist and G. W. Smith.

Glenco Reformed Church

Glenco Reformed Congregation was organized in 1887 by Rev. C. H. Reiter when pastor of the Wills Creek charge. A church was built in 1887. The pastor and Rev. A. J. Heller and Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D., were present at the dedication. The pastors were the same as those of the Mt. Lebanon church beginning with Rev. Mr. Reiter. The present membership is fifty. Elders: F. W. Webreck, J. T. Leydig and H. D. Altfather; Deacons: B. F. Leydig, Robert Webreck and William Hasselrode.

No sketch of St. Mark's and Grace congregations.

PARADISE CHARGE

*St. John's and Trinity Congregations.**St. John's Congregation.*

This point was most likely visited by Rev. John W. Weber of Westmoreland County, who organized the Berlin congregation, and was served by the Berlin pastors until Rev. Henry Knepper became pastor of the Grantsville charge. Mr. Knepper's pastorate ended in 1854. The succeeding ministers are:

Rev. John McConnell.....	1854—1855
Rev. Wm. Conrad.....	1855—1856
Rev. G. A. Fickes.....	1857—1858
Rev. A. B. Koplin.....	1858—1863
Rev. W. A. Gring.....	1864—1866
Rev. A. B. Koplin.....	1866—1873
Rev. C. U. Heilman.....	1874—1884
Rev. J. M. Evans.....	1885—1893
Rev. D. H. Leader.....	1893—1900
Rev. H. S. May.....	1900—1909
Rev. Ira S. Monn.....	1910—

The present fine brick church was built in the pastorate of Rev. D. H. Leader. The corner stone was laid in 1895. The building cost \$18,000. The present membership is 326. Elders: M. J. Glotfelty, Dr. A. M. Lichty, M. R. Hay, H. H. Maust, N. R. Newman and E. H. Miller; Deacons: A. C. Maust, C. B. Dickey, Wm. Petry, Frederick Wagner, Jerry Beuchley and Noah Speichen.

Trinity Church, New Germany, Md.

This congregation was most likely organized by Rev. Henry Knepper when pastor of the Grantsville charge. It was served by the same pastors mentioned under St. John's Church at Salisbury. Under Rev. C. U. Heilman, a new church was erected; the corner stone was laid in June, 1879, Rev. A. E. Truxal, preaching the sermon, using a log in the woods for a pulpit. The present membership is 94. Elders: C. J. Otto, G. J.

Gnagey, Wm. Durst and Noah Warnick; Deacons: Lewis Warnick, Asa Fresh, Albert Warnick and Wm. Turner.

The present consistory is composed of: Elders: Waldo Beuchley, John Zimmerman and Noah Bowman; Deacons: Michael Shaulis, Russell Stern and Royal Shaffer.

THE GLADE CHARGE

St. Luke's, Trinity, Glade and St. John's Congregations.

St. Luke's Congregation.

St. Luke's or the Mountain congregation was organized Jan. 15th, 1861, by Rev. F. A. Edmonds, pastor of the Berlin Charge. The first consistory was Elder, Jacob G. Glessner; Deacons: Jacob B. Hilligas and Jeremiah Glessner. The pastors during its connection with Berlin charge were: Rev. Mr. Edmonds and Rev. Wm. Rupp; during its connection with the Zion charge Revs. H. F. Keener, J. S. Wagner, A. J. Heller and E. P. Skyles; during its connection with the Glade charge, Revs. J. Philip Harner, A. W. Von Kaske, R. R. Jones, H. A. D. Baer, H. H. Spahn, A. J. Herman and James B. Musser. There are forty-five members. Elders: Abraham Werner, Josiah Hochstetler, and James Glessner; Deacons: Joel Landis, Wm. Engelka and Robert Hochstetler.

Trinity, Roxbury, Pa.

This congregation was organized July 18th, 1886, by Rev. J. S. Wagner, pastor of the Zion charge. Elders: Tobias Glessner, Jacob J. Glessner and John H. Schrock; Deacons: Wm. Spencer, E. K. Suder, and Geo. W. Krisinger. The corner stone for the church was laid July 18th, 1886, Rev. J. M. Schick preaching the sermon. The church was dedicated Oct. 24th, 1886. Pastors the same as those of St. Luke's. Present membership, sixty-eight persons. Elders: Luther J. Hilligas, J. B. Glessner and Howard L. Carver; Deacons: Nevin S. Croner, Ezra Stull, and James S. Glessner.

There is no sketch of the other congregations in this charge.

NEW CENTREVILLE CHARGE

St. John's, St. Paul's and Trinity Congregations.

St. John's Congregation.

This is one of the oldest congregations in the Classis. In 1796 land was procured for school and church purposes. The first pastor was Rev. Henry Giese, from 1810 to 1819. Earlier baptisms are recorded, performed no doubt by visiting ministers. The corner stone for a Lutheran and Reformed church was laid May 19th, 1811, and the church was completed in the autumn of 1819, and was called "Gideon." It was a log building almost square with galleries on three sides and high pulpit. Later it was weather-boarded and lined. The church served the congregations fifty-three years. In 1871 the Reformed congregation erected a church of its own, of modern style at a cost of \$8,000. It was dedicated in the fall of 1872, Rev. Prof. E. E. Higbee, D. D., preaching the sermon. Josiah Miller, Reuben McMillen, Jonathan Hay, George Hauger, Peter Putman and John Weber constituted the building committee.

The congregation was served first from Berlin but after Mr. Giese's pastorate almost entirely from Somerset until 1880 when the New Centreville charge was formed. In 1884 a parsonage was built in the village at a cost of \$1200. In 1891 this was sold and a parsonage secured in Rockwood.

This congregation has furnished the church with three ministers of the Gospel—Revs. E. E. Weller, J. Grant Walter, and J. C. Knable.

The pastors of this church have been

Rev. Henry Giese.....	1810—1819
Rev. J. H. Kieffer.....	1819—1825
Rev. Henry Giese.....	1825—1833
Rev. H. G. Ibbeken.....	1835—1836
Rev. S. K. Denius.....	1836—1841
Rev. Wm. Conrad.....	1842—1850
Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier.....	1852—1856
Rev. F. K. Levan.....	1856—1861
Rev. E. R. Eschbach.....	1861—1862

Rev. G. H. Johnston.....	1863—1866
Rev. J. H. Sykes.....	1866—1867
Rev. G. H. Johnston.....	1868—1872
Rev. A. E. Truxal.....	1872—1880
Rev. W. W. Deatrick.....	1880—1883
Rev. C. Gumbert.....	1884—1885
Rev. H. F. Keener.....	1886—1887
Rev. Robert O'Boyle.....	1887—1888
Rev. J. S. Wagner.....	1889—1891
Rev. S. C. Long.....	1893—1896
Rev. J. T. Balliet.....	1897—1903
Rev. W. H. Landis.....	1904—1908
Rev. R. H. Dotterer.....	1909—1912
Rev. W. A. McClellan.....	1913—

The membership has been larger and smaller at times. At present it is thirty-four. Elders: A. J. Miller, J. N. Walter, and J. C. Weller; Deacons: H. N. Spangler, Allen Gross and N. G. Boucher.

Sanners or St. Paul's Congregation.

The first church book was secured in 1785 and was to serve the two congregations—Lutheran and Reformed, and baptisms of that year are recorded. In 1783 a school house was erected which was used also for church services. A church was erected probably in 1811. This date is suggested by the contents of the corner stone secured in 1906, though the deed for the ground is dated 1814. It was a log church 25x30, built according to the style of the day. In 1871 a new one-story frame church 30x40 feet was erected: David Wable and Peter J. Bake, Reformed, and George Humbert and Levi Sanner, Lutheran, constituted the building committee: The contents of the old corner stone were deposited in the new corner stone. In 1906 the Reformed congregation withdrew from the old site and erected a church at Wilson Creek, Pa., near by. The corner stone was laid July 8th, 1906; the church was dedicated Oct. 28th, of the same year, Rev. Robert O'Boyle, a former pastor, preaching the sermon. The church is 30x40 feet with a pulpit recess. A large window contains the names of all the pastors from 1795 to 1906. Mathew Long donated two acres of ground upon

which the church was erected. Building committee: John D. Baker, Samuel Kretchman, and George Altmiller. The pastors have been:

Rev. Henry Giese.....	1795—1833
Rev. Jacob S. Regnier.....	1833—1834
Rev. S. K. Denius.....	1834—1841
Rev. Wm. Conrad.....	1841—1844
Rev. D. B. Ernst.....	1844—1850

From 1850 to the present date the ministers have been the same as those of St. John's, New Centreville, Pa. Present membership is thirty: Elders: Fred Altmiller and Samuel Bittner; Deacon, Harry Altmiller.

Trinity, Rockwood.

In the latter part of Rev. A. E. Truxal's pastorate of the Somerset charge seventeen members of the Centreville, Pa., church were living at Rockwood. The pastor preached there occasionally in the Evangelical and the United Brethren churches. In 1879 without any organization whatever, by the help of all the people of the place he procured a lot and erected a church which was dedicated Feb. 22d, 1880, Rev. H. F. Keener preaching the sermon and Rev. C. U. Heilman preaching to an overflow congregation in the United Brethren church. Rev. W. W. Deatrick, the first pastor of the new Centreville, Pa., charge, organized the congregation in the spring of 1880. Under the pastorate of Rev. Ray H. Dotterer the church was enlarged and refurnished; Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., preached at the re-dedication. The pastors have been the same as those of St. John's, Centreville, beginning with Rev. W. W. Deatrick.

The membership at the present time is 150. Elders: Joseph Hauger, S. P. Young and David Putman; Deacons: W. A. Hoover, J. J. Miller, Charles Shroyer and W. D. Wable.

ZION'S CHARGE

*Mt. Zion's, St. Paul's and Grace Congregations**Mt. Zion's Church.*

In 1818 the Reformed and Lutherans erected a union church at Pine Hill. The Reformed congregation was served by the pastors of Berlin. In 1848 a new union church was built. In 1857 under the pastorate of Rev. William Conrad the Reformed withdrew and erected their own church and named it Mt. Zion. It was dedicated in 1858; besides the pastor Revs. F. K. Levan and William Fisher took part in the services. In Oct., of the same year, forty-five members communed. In 1898 a fine brick church was erected, under the pastorate of Rev. E. P. Skyles. Dr. J. C. Bowman and Dr. C. J. Musser preached at the dedication of the church. The present membership is 180; Elders: H. P. Hay, Lewis Berkley, P. S. Hay and J. C. Werner; Deacons: James Hauger, Dalton Walker, Norman Brant and Walter E. Hay.

St. Paul's Church.

St. Paul's church was organized with twenty-nine charter members in 1859, and a frame church erected the same year. The first Elders were Jacob Hauger and Nicholas Smith; the Deacons: Frederick Knepper and William Hauger. In 1908 a new brick church was erected. Present membership is 114. Elders: Wm. Brant and Henry Brant; Deacons: A. Brant, Chas. Lepley, Allen Hauger and Charles Brant.

Grace Church, Garret, Pa.

This congregation was organized in July, 1894, by Rev. S. C. Long of the New Centreville charge with fifteen members. In 1896 it was made a charge by itself with Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., and Rev. E. S. Hassler, supply pastors. In 1900 it was united with the Zion's charge. The present membership is ninety; Elders: W.

A. Merrill and W. M. Kistler; Deacons: A. R. Miller, Albert Bowlby and William J. Brocht.

The pastors of the Zion charge have been:

Rev. William Conrad.....	18 —1859
Rev. F. A. Edmonds.....	1860—1863
Rev. Frederick Wahl.....	1864—1866
Rev. William Rupp.....	1866—1874
Rev. H. F. Keener.....	1875—1884
Rev. J. S. Wagner.....	1884—1887
Rev. A. J. Heller.....	1887—1895
Rev. E. P. Skyles.....	1895—1903
Rev. H. H. Wiant.....	1904—1917
Rev. J. E. Scheetz.....	1917—

CUMBERLAND CHARGE

St. Mark's, Cumberland.

St. Mark's congregation was organized by Rev. E. E. Weller, March 24th, 1891, with twenty members: Elders: Dr. J. B. Zacharias and Prof. J. T. White; Deacons: D. F. Greenawald and J. M. Hellman. The pastors have been: Revs. E. E. Weller, A. S. Glessner, U. C. E. Gutelius, C. A. Hauser, and E. P. Skyles.

The first church was erected under Rev. Mr. Glessner at a cost of \$3,800, and was dedicated April, 1897, Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D. preaching the sermon and Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., assisting in the services. Under Rev. Mr. Skyles, a parsonage was built in 1904, costing \$3500; a new church was erected in 1912 at a cost of \$22000, which was dedicated on Palm Sunday, 1913, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., preaching the sermon. The present membership is 240. Elders: Robert Reynolds, A. A. Comp, S. H. Snowden, and C. W. Wright; Deacons: B. F. Biser, M. S. Berkley, H. S. Knight, G. W. Leasure, Josiah Martin and H. B. Smith.

The congregation became self-supporting in 1918.

BERLIN CHARGE

Trinity Reformed Church, Berlin, Pa.

The Trinity Reformed church is one of the oldest congregations in Pittsburgh Synod. It was organized about 1776 or 1777. Rev. John W. Weber was the first stated pastor. The lay members of the first consistory were Elders: Frederick Altfather, and Jacob Glessner; Deacons: Arnold Crissinger and John Ziegler. The congre-



TRINITY REFD. CHURCH, BERLIN, PA.

gation has worshipped in four church buildings. The time of the construction of the first three buildings is unknown. The corner stone of the present building was laid in 1883, and the church was finally dedicated in 1888. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by the former pastor, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D. The church cost \$20,000. The congregation has been served by the following named pastors:

Visiting ministers and laymen.....	1777—1783
Rev. John W. Weber.....	1783—1788
Rev. C. Spanenberg.....	1788—
Rev. Henry Giese.....	1795—1832
Rev. J. S. Rengier.....	1833—1834
Rev. S. K. Denius.....	1834—1841
Rev. William Conrad.....	1841—1859
Rev. F. A. Edmonds.....	1860—1863
Rev. Frederick Wahl.....	1864—1866
Rev. William Rupp.....	1866—1877
Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh.....	1877—1885
Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D.....	1886—1901
Rev. W. C. Sykes.....	1901—1912
Rev. D. S. Stephan.....	1912—

The membership numbers at the present time 410. The consistory is constituted as follows: Elders: Silas M. Mauger, Daniel A. Musser, Albert Swartzendrußer and G. Edgar Fogle; Deacons: J. P. McCabe, C. W. Saylor, C. W. Fogle, J. Calvin Altfather, J. Walter Suder and D. Nevin Altfather.

MEYERSDALE CHARGE

Amity Church.

Amity congregation at Meyersdale was organized by Rev. Henry Knepper of the Grantsville charge probably in 1851, as in that year an agreement was made with Adolph Just for the purchase of a lot, the deed for which was executed in 1854. In union with the Lutherans a church was erected thereon. The pastors who served the congregation were Revs. Henry Knepper, J. McConnell, for less than a year; A. B. Koplin, four years; W. A. Gring, three years; A. B. Koplin, six years. The congre-

gation was then severed from the Grantsville charge and served as a mission point by Rev. A. C. Geary. Three country congregations were added to Meyersdale and a new charge formed, served by Rev. L. D. Steckel, 1873-1880; Rev. J. M. Schick, 1881-1888; Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., 1888-1894; Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., 1894..... Under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Schick the country congregations were connected elsewhere and Meyersdale became



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a charge by itself. During Rev. Mr. Steckel's pastorate a parsonage was built for the charge, the Lutheran interest in the church purchased and the church repaired and ground purchased and plotted for a cemetery. Under Rev. Mr. Schick the church and parsonage properties were both sold and a new site purchased containing two small residences and sufficient ground for a church. In 1888 a large brick church was erected on it and one of the houses used for a parsonage, to which an addition was built under Dr. Rupp. Under the present pastor a fine brick parsonage was erected, a Sunday School building and social hall built, and the church remodeled and repaired. The names of only a few of the original members are known but Samuel Foust was one from the beginning and for many years afterwards the leading spirit and force in the congregation. He was ably seconded by George Werner and later by Conrad Poschman and others. The present membership is fully 600. Elders: W. H. Habel, W. H. Kretchman, W. H. Holzshu, F. A. Bittner, W. W. Nicholson and J. N. Cover; Deacons: Harvey Saylor, K. E. Kretchman, B. J. Smith, W. H. Stottler, C. I. Brant, G. C. Pfeiffer, C. J. Bowmaster, N. B. Holzhauser, George Sipple, E. C. Kyle, Geo. D. Siehl and J. D. Spaey.

WELLERSBURG CHARGE

St. John's, Redeemer's, Wellersburg and Gladdens Congregations.

St. John's Congregation.

St. John's church was organized June 27th, 1897, by Rev. A. S. Glessner with thirty-five members; Elders: Charles L. Miller, and Mathias Everline; Deacons: Fred Getson, Henry Nickel and Jacob Mathews. The corner stone was laid Dec. 17th, 1897, by Rev. U. C. E. Gutelius; and the church was dedicated April 17th, 1898. Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., preaching the sermon, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Mission Supt., performing the consecration act, and Rev. C. A. Hauser and pastor Gutelius as-

sisting in the services. The cost of the church was \$1,200. Pastors: Revs. U. C. E. Gutelius, 1897-1901; C. A. Hauser, 1901-1904; E. P. Skyles, 1904-1905; Calvin Skyles, 1905-1909; F. E. Lauffer, 1910-1912; J. C. Knable, 1912-1914; A. W. Von Kaske, 1915..... The present membership is 62. Consistory: Charles L. Miller, Conrad Lapp, Jacob M. Mathews, Henry Nickel, Victor Everline and Herbert Meyers.

Redeemer's Congregation.

This congregation was organized June 3d, 1894, by Rev. A. S. Glessner; Elders: Fred Hasselrhode and C. C. Stair; Deacons: J. F. Diehl and W. F. Swanger. The congregation worships in an old Presbyterian church, and was served from Cumberland by Rev. A. S. Glessner till 1897; by Rev. U. C. E. Gutelius, 1897-1901; from Hyndman, by Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D., 1901-1903; from Wellersburg, by Revs. Calvin Skyles, 1903-1909; F. E. Lauffer, 1910-1912; J. C. Knable, 1912-1914; Rev. A. W. Von Kaske, 1915.....

Gladdens Congregation.

Early in his pastorate of the Wellersburg charge Rev. B. Knepper began preaching in Hoyman's Schoolhouse about four miles from his home; out of which grew, in the course of time, the Gladdens congregation. A church was erected and Rev. Mr. Knepper served it until 1903. Rev. A. S. Glessner served it from Hyndman and had the church repaired and rededicated by a series of services in which Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., and E. S. Hassler, assisted. Rev. Calvin Skyles served it from 1903 to 1905; Rev. J. F. Kerlin, 1905-1907; Rev. F. E. Lauffer, 1910-1912; Rev. J. C. Knable, 1912-1914; and Rev. Mr. Von Kaske, 1915..... During vacancies it was supplied by Revs. E. P. Skyles and G. P. Metgar. The present membership is 41. Consistory: Wilson Kornis, Norman Lepley, Simon Lepley, Oscar Lepley and Roy Kennell.

Wellersburg Church.

This congregation was organized by Rev. Henry Giese in 1789 and served by him until 1818. He was followed by Revs. H. J. Kieffer, of Somerset, in 1823; H. E. F. Voigt, 1827-1829; H. G. Ibbeken, 1831-1844; B. Knep- per, 1846-1903; Calvin Skyles, 1903-1909; F. E. Lauf- fer, 1910-1912; J. C. Knable, 1912-1914; A. W. Von Kaske, 1915..... Origin of the church: Different mem- bers purchased land and donated it to the congregation—the Reformed securing fourteen acres, the Lutherans, three acres—seventeen acres in all. On this land stands a large brick Reformed and Lutheran church. The pres- ent membership is 45; consistory: Henry Petenbrink, Joseph Sturtz, Harry Witt, J. J. Kennell, and Harry Del- brook.

STOYESTOWN CHARGE

Stoyestown, Hooversville, Friedens, and Mt. Tabor Con- gregations

Stoyestown Congregation.

Stoyestown congregation was organized by Rev. Henry Giese about 1820, the first church being erected about 1847. The pastors were:

Rev. Henry Giese.....	1820—1834
Rev. William Conrad.. . . .	1835—1842
Rev. D. B. Ernst.....	1844—1846
Rev. John Hoyman.....	1853—1856
Rev. A. B. Koplin.....	1857—1859
Rev. D. H. Reiter.....	1859—1862
Rev. A. J. Heller.....	1865—1870
Rev. H. F. Keener.....	1870—1875
Rev. W. H. Bates.....	1876—1879
Rev. J. S. Wagner.....	1879—1883
Rev. W. D. Lefevre.....	1883—1890
Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.....	1891—1893
Rev. Frank Wetzell.....	1893—1900
Rev. C. B. Rebert.....	1900—1907
Rev. H. S. Garner.....	1908—1910
Rev. Frank Wetzell.....	1910—

The present membership is 150. The present consistory is: Elders: Edward Smith, C. F. Zimmerman, and D. E. Long; Deacons: Frank Fulton, Frank C. Zimmerman and Adam Mostoller. The first church was built about 1847. The present church was erected during the first pastorate of the present pastor in 1897; the corner stone was laid in May by the pastor and the church was dedicated in October, Rev. Lewis Robb, D. D., preaching the sermon.

Hooversville Congregation.

It is not known when or by whom the church at Hooversville was organized but the union church was erected in 1849.

The pastors are the same as those of the Stoyestown congregation, excepting that Rev. James Grant served it from 1870 to 1871. The present membership is 58. Elders: James F. Hamer, D. J. Holsopple, Thomas Lohr; Deacons: Harry Hoover, Edward Kipp, and U. S. G. Gallagher.

Friedens Congregation.

Rev. D. B. Ernst of Somerset began preaching at this point in 1845; in 1849, a congregation was organized with Jacob Snyder and Nicholas Zahneis as Elders and John Snyder and John Schmidt as Deacons.

The present church was erected in 1893 under the pastorate of Rev. D. O. Shoemaker. The corner stone was laid in May and the church was dedicated in August.

The pastors have been:

Rev. D. B. Ernst.....	1845—1851
Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier.....	1852—1856
Rev. William Conrad.....	1859—1863
Rev. H. H. Hibschan.....	1863—1865
Rev. A. J. Heller.....	1865—1870

From this point the ministers have been the same as those of the Stoyestown congregation. The present membership is forty-five. The present consistory is: Elders: Michael Shaffer, C. J. Long, Frank Suter; Deacons: Wm. Yoder, Wm. Hensel and Milton Webreck.

Mt. Tabor Congregation.

This congregation was organized as a Union Church—Reformed and Lutheran, by Rev. Mr. Ibbeken of Somerset. He thought that the two denominations could work together in one congregation. But the plan did not work out well. Later, this church was known as Zimmermans. In 1844 the Elders were: Jacob Bowman and Joseph Zimmerman, and John Zimmerman was the Deacon. The pastors were: H. B. Ibbeken, 1835.....; C. F. Hoffmeier, 1852-1856; F. K. Levan, 1857-1859; Wm. Conrad, 1859-1863. The ministers have been the same as those of the Stoyestown charge from this time on.

In 1872 under Rev. H. F. Keener a distinctly Reformed church was erected; and at the dedication the pastor was assisted by Rev. A. E. Truxal, of Somerset. The present membership is 52.

WILHELM CHARGE.

*St. Paul's and St. John's Congregations**St. Paul's.*

This church was organized in 1860 by Rev. A. B. Koplin. First consistory: David Hay, Reuben Kretchman, Benjamin Wilhelm, Peter Wilhelm, Simon Phillippi. The cornerstone was laid in 1868, the service being in charge of Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D.; the dedication took place Oct., 1869, this service being in charge of Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D. The cost of the church was \$14,000. The pastors have been: Revs. A. B. Koplin, W. A. Gring, C. U. Heilman, J. M. Evans, E. S. Hassler, S. C. Stover, and L. N. Wilson. The present membership is 311. The 1920 consistory is: Elders: Lloyd A. Hay, H. J. Engle, Ross Sechler, H. C. Lepley; Deacons: Milton Bodes, Perry Maust, Daniel Klink, E. R. Hay, Lloyd Sipple, and Irvin Engle.

St. John's Congregation.

This congregation was organized prior to 1830 by Rev. Henry Giese. The church was erected in 1847. The

pastors have been: Revs. Henry Giese, Siegmund, J. S. Regnier, S. K. Denius, Wm. Conrad, H. Knep- per, J. McConnell, G. A. Fickes, A. B. Koplin, W. A. Gring, C. U. Heilman, G. M. Zacharias, J. M. Evans, E. S. Hassler, S. C. Stover, and L. N. Wilson. There are at the present time one hundred members. Consistory: Elders: W. E. Stanton, John H. Folk, Dr. G. C. Keller; Deacons: J. U. Stanton, Frank S. Durst and J. R. Gnagey.

BOSWELL CHARGE

St. Paul's, Calvary.

St. Paul's Congregation.

This congregation was organized on July 12th, 1914, by a committee of Somerset Classis consisting of Revs. J. W. Albertson and Frank Wetzell, and made part of the Jenner's charge. Members of the abandoned Calvary congregation united with this congregation. The first consistory was: Elders: Edmund Gonder, and Alonza Ankney; Deacons: Edgar Pite and H. H. Combeckes. A church was erected costing \$8,602. The corner stone was laid Nov. 9th, 1916, Rev. Mr. Albertson conducting the services and Rev. Mr. Wetzell preaching the sermon. The church was dedicated June 17th, 1917, Rev. J. H. Mickley, D. D., preaching the sermon and Rev. Frank Wetzell conducting the services. The pastors have been: Rev. J. W. Albertson, 1914-1916; Rev. S. R. Kresge, 1916-1917; and Rev. J. Leidy Yearick, 1918.....

The present membership is fifty-eight. Consistory: Elders: Edmund Gonder, Newton Gonder, and Fred W. Gonder; Deacons: James L. Brant, Wm. Gonder, and George Newman.

Calvary Church.

This church was located near the present town of Boswell; organized in 1858 by Rev. F. K. Levan, pastor of the Somerset charge. Because of the crucial exper-

ience in its beginning it was named Calvary; and it began with twenty members; when the Beam charge was constituted in 1859 this congregation was united with it. It was served by the pastors of the Beam charge, until 1916, when it was absorbed by the congregation which had been organized in Boswell.

CHAPTER XXVII.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS

By Rev. H. H. Wiant.

At the second annual meeting of Pittsburgh Synod, held in Greensburg, Pa., Oct., 1871, this resolution was passed: "That the Allegheny river to the line of Allegheny County and thence along the eastern border of that county, shall be the boundary between the Classis of Westmoreland and the new Classis of Allegheny, between which and the St. Paul's Classis, the boundary shall be the lower line of Mercer County."

Another resolution reads: "That the classis of Allegheny shall hold its first annual meeting in the First Reformed church, Allegheny City, Pa., on the first Thursday in June, 1872, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., and that the Rev. F. K. Levan preside at its organization."

The first meeting of Allegheny Classis was held on June 6th, 1872, Rev. F. K. Levan, president and Rev. T. F. Stauffer, being appointed secretary pro-tem. The following committee was appointed to prepare a charter: Rev. G. B. Russell and T. F. Stauffer and Elder T. J. Craig. On Dec. 10th, 1872 the charter was granted.

The following ministers were enrolled in Allegheny Classis in 1872: Revs. Abner Dale, F. K. Levan, C. A. Limberg, T. J. Barkley, T. F. Stauffer, John Voeglin, G. B. Massalsky, A. Krahn, J. A. Hoffheins, F. A. Edmonds, J. B. Thompson, J. W. Ebbinghaus, F. C. Trapp, G. W. Muelder, G. B. Russell and C. Knepper.

Then there were fifteen congregations and a membership of 1205. Now, in 1919, there are twenty-five congregations and a membership of 5,322. In 1873 the benevolent contributions were \$2,281.82 and in 1919 they were \$15,976.

A number of special and adjourned meetings have been

held. At least two special meetings were held outside the bounds of the classis. On Oct., 1883, a special meeting was held in St. Luke's Church, Kittanning, Pa. On Sept. 18th, 1884, a special meeting was held in St. Peter's Church, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

A special meeting was called for Grace church on the morning of Nov. 14th, 1877. There was not a quorum present. An adjourned meeting was held on the afternoon of the same day in the First United Evangelical Protestant church, Mt. Washington, Pa.

A number of congregations once members of this classis are now extinct or have been dismissed to other communions. Among them are:

Helvetia congregation—Randolph County, W. Va.

United Evangelical Protestant—St. John's, Chartiers, Pa.

First United Evangelical Protestant, in 1879—Mt. Washington, Pa.

New Castle Mission abandoned in 1886.

Homeville Mission abandoned in 1903.

Hungarian congregation organized in 1890—dismissed in 1908.

All Soul's, Allegheny, organized in 1859—abandoned in 1880.

The pastors of All Soul's congregation, Allegheny, Pa., were: Revs. G. B. Russell, W. E. Krebs, J. A. Hoffheins, R. C. Bowling and Hiram King.

St. Luke's congregation, Shaler Township, seems to have been connected with Allegheny Classis until Mar. 20th, 1874.

Reference is made in the Minutes to a congregation at Prospect, Butler County, Pa., and to an independent congregation at Middle Lancaster, Pa., which is now served by the pastor of the Harmony charge.

There is also a congregation in the northwestern corner of Armstrong County at Brady's Bend. This place was made famous in revolutionary days by Capt. Samuel Brady, who being pursued by the Indians made a great leap and swam the river to escape from his enemies.

It was near this place that the Rev. Henry Koch would cross the river on his trips from Clarion to Butler County. It was before the day of bridges. His horse would swim the river with the clergyman astride. On one occasion he remained absent from his family beyond the promised time. This was on account of the continued falling of snow and rain. Finally he started home. Together with Elder Peter Kemerer in whose house he had been stopping, they rode on horseback to the Allegheny River. They found the river high and the ice going out. They knelt down on the river's bank. In fervent prayer they committed themselves into the keeping of their Heavenly Father. Rev. Mr. Koch left his horse with Elder Kemerer. He then leaped from ice cake to ice cake, and in this way crossed the river. When he reached the eastern shore, he reverently took off his hat and called across to his elder: "*Nun lasset uns Gott danken.*" "Now let us thank God." Arriving home, he found his little family, then living in the woods, two miles from any neighbor, in a suffering state.

In the minutes of General Synod of 1872, page 52, this paragraph is found: "The Pittsburgh Synod has met with extraordinary success. Lately another English interest has been started in Allegheny City. Little over fifteen years ago the first Reformed congregation in Pittsburgh was started. A few months ago the sixth was started. In the same city the seventh Reformed congregation is about to be organized. In no other city has the work of our church succeeded so rapidly and so well as in Pittsburgh."

*Table of year, church, and place of meetings, and officers
of Allegheny Classis from 1872 to 1920.*

Year	Place	President	Stated Clerk	Treasurer
1872	First Church, Allegheny	Rev. T. J. Barkley	Rev. T. F. Stauffer	T. J. Craig
1873	St. Paul's, Pittsburgh	Rev. F. K. Levan	Rev. T. F. Stauffer	T. J. Craig
1874	Trinity, Wilkensburg	Rev. G. B. Russell	Rev. T. F. Stauffer	T. J. Craig
1875	Zion's, Pittsburgh	Rev. J. A. Hoffheins	Rev. T. F. Stauffer	T. J. Craig
1876	Grace, Harmony	Rev. F. A. Edmonds	Rev. T. F. Stauffer	T. J. Craig
1877	St. Paul's, Sugar Creek	Rev. Joseph Hannaberry	Rev. W. F. Lichter	T. J. Craig
1878	Zion's, Henshews	Rev. J. M. Souder	Rev. W. F. Lichter	T. J. Craig
1879	Grace, Pittsburgh	Rev. J. W. Alspach	Rev. W. F. Lichter	T. J. Craig
1880	St. Paul's, Butler	Rev. W. F. Lichter	Rev. J. W. Knappenberger	T. J. Craig
1881	Grace, Harmony	Rev. T. F. Stauffer	Rev. J. W. Knappenberger	T. J. Craig
1882	St. John's, Millerstown	Rev. C. Gumbert	Rev. J. W. Knappenberger	T. J. Craig
1883	Trinity, Wilkensburg	Rev. H. D. Darbaker	Rev. J. W. Knappenberger	T. J. Craig
1884	St. Paul's, Sugar Creek	Rev. J. May	Rev. T. F. Stauffer	T. J. Craig
1885	Calvary, Turtle Creek	Rev. P. C. Prugh	Rev. J. W. Alspach	T. J. Craig
1886	Zion's, Pittsburgh	Rev. H. D. Darbaker	Rev. J. W. Alspach	T. J. Craig
1887	First, McKeesport	Rev. H. H. Sandoe	Rev. D. N. Harnish	T. J. Craig
1888	Grace, Harmony	Rev. J. S. Freeman	Rev. D. N. Harnish	Rev. J. H. Prugh
1889	Trinity, Wilkensburg	Rev. E. S. Hassler	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1890	Grace, Pittsburgh	Rev. H. S. Garner	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1891	Grace, Pittsburgh	Rev. D. G. Klein	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1892	St. Paul's, Butler	Rev. S. C. Long	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1893	St. Luke's, Braddock	Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D.	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1894	Grace, Harmony	Rev. A. M. Schmidt	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy

Year	Place	President	Stated Clerk	Treasurer
1895	St. Mark's, Pittsburgh	Rev. A. K. Klein	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1896	St. John's, Evans City	Rev. J. J. Wagoner	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1897	First, McKeesport	Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D.	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1898	St. Luke's Braddock	Rev. H. W. Bright	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1899	Calvary, Turtle Creek	Rev. C. L. Alsopach	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1900	Trinity, New Kensington	Rev. J. A. Leutzinger	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1901	Grace, Harmony	Rev. J. G. Walter	Rev. D. N. Harnish	J. M. Conroy
1902	Trinity, Wilkinsburg	Rev. C. F. Althouse	Rev. D. N. Harnish	H. F. Texter
1903	St. Paul's, Sugar Creek	Rev. T. R. Dietz	Rev. D. N. Harnish	H. F. Texter
1904	St. Mark's, Pittsburgh	Rev. C. H. Faust	Rev. D. N. Harnish	H. F. Texter
1905	Grace, Pittsburgh	Rev. A. B. Bauman	Rev. D. N. Harnish	H. F. Texter
1906	Grace, Pittsburgh	Rev. A. C. Dieffenbach	Rev. D. N. Harnish	H. F. Texter
1907	St. John's, Olivet	Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D.	Rev. D. N. Harnish	H. F. Texter
1908	Grace, Pittsburgh	Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.	Rev. D. N. Harnish	H. F. Texter
1909	St. Luke's, Braddock	Rev. A. H. Ginder	Rev. D. N. Harnish	H. F. Texter
1910	Calvary, Turtle Creek	Rev. H. D. Darbaker	Rev. D. N. Harnish	H. F. Texter
1911	Grace, Pittsburgh	Rev. J. W. Pontius	Rev. D. N. Harnish	John H. Cobler
1912	Trinity, Wilkinsburg	Rev. W. E. Garrett	Rev. D. N. Harnish	John H. Cobler
1913	St. Mark's, Pittsburgh	Rev. J. C. Sanders	Rev. D. N. Harnish	W. A. Ashbaugh
1914	Grace, Harmony	Rev. J. E. Sheetz	Rev. W. E. Garrett	W. A. Ashbaugh
1915	Bethany, Butler	Rev. P. B. Rupp	Rev. W. H. Tussing	W. A. Ashbaugh
1916	Grace, Duquesne	Rev. H. M. Leidy	Rev. W. H. Tussing	W. A. Ashbaugh
1917	St. Luke's, Braddock	Rev. R. J. Pilgrim	Rev. E. S. LaMar	W. A. Ashbaugh
1918	St. Paul's, Sugar Creek	Rev. E. R. Hamme	Rev. E. S. LaMar	W. A. Ashbaugh
1919	Trinity, New Kensington	Rev. D. Dunn	Rev. E. S. LaMar	W. A. Ashbaugh
1920	St. Peter, Zelienople	Rev. F. C. Nau, D. D.	Rev. E. S. LaMar	W. A. Ashbaugh

STATISTICS OF ALLEGHENY CLASSIS

	Ministers	Congregations	Members	Communicants	Unconfirmed	BAPTISMS		Confirmed	Certificate	Renewal	Excommunicated	Dismissed	Erased	DEATHS		Students	Y. P. S.	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Benevolence	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Other Benevolence	Congregational Expenses
						Infant	Adult							Communicants	Unconfirmed											
1872	1615	1205	1181	954	101	4	104	58	1	12	1	20	26	26	38	2	10	998	1303	5184	5184	3433	2314	498	3680	15729
1882	1011	1334	1185	837	89	12	84	77	1	41	1	76	50	50	50	1	13	1276	15804	5184	5184	4109	4796	498	3680	15729
1892	1512	2171	1926	1129	163	34	130	178	1	78	178	56	48	48	48	19	300	2781	15804	5184	5184	3433	2314	498	3680	15729
1902	21	20	3696	2517	1920	255	43	160	210	176	446	36	10	10	10	4	825	24	373	3921	5224	3433	2314	498	3680	15729
1912	29	24	4045	3430	1794	218	77	286	135	125	176	446	36	10	10	4	825	24	373	3921	5224	3433	2314	498	3680	15729
1920	26	25	5315	4257	2129	214	22	200	161	103	167	175	70	21	21	630	25	452	5224	5224	4109	4796	498	3680	15729	86190

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE MINISTERS
OF ALLEGHENY CLASSIS

HARRY NELSON BASSLER

Harry Nelson Bassler, son of Charles A. and Marian F. Bassler was born at Millersburg, Dauphin County, Pa., March 9th, 1867; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by East Susquehanna Classis May 15th, 1894; ordained by Mercersburg Classis Nov. 4th, 1894, the committee consisting of Revs. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., W. C. Cremer, D. D., and T. R. Dietz. He has served the following charges: St. Thomas charge, Pa., from 1894 to 1903, Second Reformed church, Harrisburg, Pa., from 1903 to 1917, and Trinity, Wilkinsburg, Pa., from 1919 to date. Married to Miss Helen B. Hassler, of Lancaster, Pa., June 10th, 1895; married the second time to Miss Louise K. Britton of Upper Strasburg, Pa., Feb. 3d, 1903. They have one child, Marian Britton. Served as chaplain in the U. S. Army from 1916 to 1919. Had rank of Captain in A. E. F. President of the Relief Society.



CONRAD BORCHERS

Conrad Borchers, son of Frederick Louis and Marie Louise (Wiedenbruegge) Borchers, was born at Hofgeismar, Hesse-Cassel, Germany, April 22d, 1844; educated in his native town; came to America in 1866 and became a citizen of the United States in 1872; completed his education under the Rev. Max Stern, D. D., at Louisville, Ky.; was ordained by Indiana Classis at New Albany, Ind., Sept. 20th, 1869. The committee in charge was composed of Revs. Max Stern, D. D., M. G. I. Stern and S. N. L. Kessler. Rev. Borchers has served the following charges: Salem, New Albany, Ind., five years; St. James, Pittsburgh, Pa., three years; St. John's,

Baltimore, Md., eleven years; First, Jacksonville, Md., one year; Zion's, Cumberland, Md., two years; St. John's, Evangelical Protestant, Beaver County, Pa., seventeen and one-half years. Since 1909 has been supplying in vacant charges. On October 31st, 1871, he was married to Miss Caroline E. Gerst, of New Albany, Ind. Five children: Emma L. (Mrs. L. T. Schiess), Herman G. F., Carl Conrad, Calvin U. M., and Edgar Augustine.

CHARLES A. BUSHONG

Charles A., son of Isaac and Sarah Bushong, was born at Tom's Brook, Va., on October 25th, 1863; was educated at Mercersburg Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, 1894, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1897; licensed by Virginia Classis in May, 1897, at Shepherdstown, W. Va.; was ordained to the ministry by the following committee from West Susquehanna Classis:—Revs. S. L. Whitmore, Z. A. Yearick and J. L. Barnhart, October 10th, 1897. He has served the following pastorates: Buffalo Valley, Pa., 1897-1898; supply pastor at Abeline, Kansas for a time; Sabillasville, Md., 1903-1906; Watson Run, Meadville, Pa., 1906-1913; Lancaster, Ohio, 1913-1916; Emmanuel, Export, Pa., 1916-1920; First, Pitcairn, Pa., 1920..... On Oct. 30th, 1912, was married to Miss Drusilla H. Rensburg of Frederick, Md.



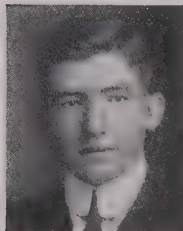
HENRY DAVID DARBAKER

Henry David Darbaker, son of John and Maria Darbaker, was born near Kelley Station, Armstrong County Pa., Apr. 25th, 1847. At the age of fifteen years he enlisted in the 67th Pa.,—captured, wounded, promoted to Second Lieutenant—served three and one-third years. Educated at Westmoreland College, Franklin and



Marshall College, and Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1874; licensed by Westmoreland Classis, May 19th, 1874—ordained and installed pastor of Nittany Valley charge, Pa., by committee of West Susquehanna Classis: Revs. W. H. Grow, and H. King, July 5th, 1874. Built two new churches. Jan. 1st, 1876, accepted a call to Zion church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Principal of Harmony Collegiate Institute, two years; organized congregations at Turtle Creek, Pa., McKeesport, Pa., and Braddock, Pa.; built two churches; pastor thirteen and one-half years. In 1894 accepted call to Emlenton charge, Pa.; remodeled two churches; editor of the *Gleaner*, seven and one-half years; obtained two church building funds, \$500 each, \$2506.70 for Orphans' Home Endowment, and an equal amount for St. John's Church, Emlenton, Pa.; pastor over thirteen years. In 1908 accepted call to Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; reduced debt \$5000. Member of Orphans' Home Board, Board of Missions, and for twenty-five years president of Board of Beneficiary Education; president of Allegheny and Clarion Classes, and Pittsburgh Synod. Married to Miss Agnes Jane Kline, of Delmont, Pa., May 13th, 1874. On son, Leasure K. Darbaker, Professor of Bacteriology and pharmacognosy, College of Pharmacy, Pittsburgh, Pa. Pastorates: Nittany Valley, Pa., 1874-1876; Zion, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1876-1880; Harmony Collegiate Institute, 1880-1882; McKeesport, Pa., 1882-1894; Emlenton, Pa., 1894-1908; Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1908-1914; supply charges since then.

DAVID DUNN



David Dunn, son of Horace Bell and Clara (Williams) Dunn was born in Huntingdon, Pa., July 15th, 1891; received his education at Huntingdon High School, Juniata College, Franklin and Marshall College, Yale University, University of Edinburgh, and New College, Edinburgh; licensed by Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod, Nov.

9th, 1915, and ordained by Allegheny Classis, May 29th, 1916, the committee consisting of Revs. Lewis Robb, D. D., A. H. Groff, and W. S. Harmon. Has been pastor at Turtle Creek, Pa., since May 1st, 1916.

GIDEON P. FISHER

Gideon P., son of Richard and Ann Fisher, was born at Gouglersville, Berks County, Pa., on March 31st, 1861. Mr. Fisher received his education at the Scientific Academy, Reading, Pa., Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., Ursinus College, and the Ursinus School of Theology; licensed by Lebanon Classis in May, 1899; and ordained by Goshenhoppen Classis, July, 1899, the committee consisting of Revs. Eli Keller, D. D., L. K. Evans, D. D., and J. E. Freeman. Pastorates: Glenford, Pa., three and one-half years; Falker Swamp, one and one-half years; Grindstone Hill, nine years; Kreutz Creek, seven years; Warren, Ohio, seven and one-half years; Culver, Ind., two years; St. Luke's, Braddock, Pa., Nov. 1st, 1919. Was married June 25th, 1889. There are nine children: Charles, Lillian, Marguerite, Osie, Phipps, George, Emma, Paul, and Frank.

HENRY E. GEBHARD

Henry E., son of John and Sarah E. (Wise) Gebhard, was born at Red Lion, York County, Pa., Feb. 23d, 1893; was educated at Red Lion High School, 1910; Ursinus College, 1914, Princeton Graduate School, A. M., 1917, Princeton Theological Seminary; was licensed Apr. 16th, 1917, by the Presbytery of New Castle, Synod of Baltimore of the Presbyterian Church; ordained Apr. 16th, 1917, by the Presbytery of New Castle, the committee in charge being the Revs. Henry Cunningham, James M. L. Eskard, and William Crawford. Pastorates: Frankford and Ocean View, Del., Presbyterian, 1917-1918; Grace Reformed, Duquesne, Pa., 1919..... Married to Miss Viola

Beatrice Wagner, October 16th, 1915. One child, Mildred Evelyn. Mr. Gebhard was Home Missionary at Bronot, Pa., in 1915 and in 1916 served in the same capacity at St. Francis, Maine, at a summer home of the Lumber Jacks.

WILLIAM F. GINDER

William F. Ginder, son of Lewis and Maria Ginder was born Nov. 5th 1876, at Ashfield, Carbon County, Pa.; was educated at Mercersburg Academy; Franklin and Marshall College, 1906, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, 1909; licensed by Lehigh Classis, May, 1909; was ordained by East Pennsylvania Classis, July 22d, 1909, the committee being Revs. M. N. George, G. W. Royer, and P. E. Heimer. Pastorates: Weisport, Pa., 1909-1913; Summit Hill, Pa., 1914-1918; Christ's church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1918..... Married June 30th, 1910, to Miss Marian M. Weider. One son, Wilson Lewis.

WINFIELD S. HARMAN

Winfield S., son of Benjamin F. and Martha Ellen Harman, was born July 1st, 1882, near Taneytown, Md.; educated at Emmitsburg High School, Ursinus College, 1906, and the Central Theological Seminary, 1909; licensed by Miami Classis, Ohio Synod, May 8th, 1909, and ordained by the same Classis July 4th, 1909, by Revs.



Geo. W. Stibitz, D. D., and H. H. Kerst. His pastorates have been: Millville, Ohio, 1909-1910; Farmersville, Ohio, 1910-1913; Kenmore, Ohio, 1913-1915; Braddock, Pa., 1915-1918; Zelienople, Pa., 1919..... Rev. Mr. Harman was musical director at Camp Stuart, from May 1st, 1918, to Feb. 28th, 1919; and from March 1st, 1919 to Oct. 31st, 1919, was in the Troop Train Service.

HENRY J. HERBER



Henry J., son of A. J. and Amanda Herber was born near Grimsville, Berks County, Pa., Feb. 10th, 1887. Mr. Herber was educated at Keystone State Normal School, Muhlenberg Preparatory School, Ursinus College, 1911, and Central Theological Seminary, 1914; licensed by Miami Classis in May, 1914; ordained by Heidelberg

Classis, June 11, 1914, the committee in charge was composed of Revs. Frank Keller and Frank Ruf. Pastorates: First, Marion, Ohio, 1914-1918; since this time he has been pastor of St. Paul's, Butler, Pa. Was married to Miss Hallie O. Keefer on June 3d, 1914. They have one child: Denton Alfred, born April 4th, 1920.

WILLIAM EDWARD HORSTMEIER

William Edward, son of the Rev. W. F., and Emma (Marcus) Horstmeier, was born at Terre Haute, Ind., June 27th, 1886; educated in the Ursinus House at Franklin, Wisconsin, and the Central Theological Seminary, 1914; licensed by Sheboygan Classis, May 2d, 1914; and ordained by Allegheny Classis, July 19th, 1914,



committee: Revs. Lewis Robb, D. D., John H. Prugh, D. D., and Conrad Borchers. Since May 12th, 1914, Rev. Horstmeier has been pastor of St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Was president of Allegheny Classis in 1918.

HENRY LINFORD KROUSE

Henry Linford Krouse, son of E. C. and Catherine K. Krouse, was born at Lansdale, Pa., in 1884; educated at Franklin and Marshall College, 1908, and the Eastern Theological Seminary 1911, licensed by Tohicken Classis

in 1911; ordained by Lincoln Classis the same year, committee: Revs. P. M. Orr and L. S. Faust. From 1911 to 1918, Rev. Mr. Krouse was pastor of Grace Church, Sioux City, Iowa. Since 1918 he has been pastor of the Church of the Ascension, Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1911, Rev. Krouse was married to Miss Caroline E. Capp, of Lancaster, Pa.

FRANK LEWIS KERR

Frank Lewis, son of Lewis Barnett and Eliza Jane (Wagner) Kerr, was born Sept. 14th, 1869, at Landisburg, Perry County, Pa.; educated at Shippensburg Normal School, Mercersburg Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, 1891, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, 1894; licensed May 18th, 1894, by Clarion Classis; ordained Sept. 30th, 1894, by Lancaster Classis, committee: Revs. E. N. Kremer, D. D., Rufus W. Miller, D. D., and M. H. Sangree. He served the following charges: Shoops charge, Pa., 1894-1899; St. Paul's, Meadville, Pa., 1899-1903; Newport, Pa., 1903-1908; Pitcairn, Pa., 1908-1910; Phoenixville, Pa., 1910-1917; Trinity, New Kensington, Pa., 1918..... Married Sept. 15th, 1903, to Miss Mary E. McElheny, of Penbrook, Pa. Two children: Elizabeth, and Lewis.

EDWARD SUIN LAMAR

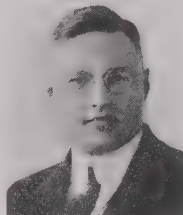
Edward Suin, son of Robert G. and Kate (Suin) LaMar, was born at Frederick, Md., March 24th, 1872; educated at Mercersburg Academy, 1898, Franklin and Marshall College, 1902, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, 1905; licensed by Maryland Classis, May 15th, 1905; ordained by Mercersburg Classis June 12th, 1905; committee: Revs. W. C. Cremer, D. D., and E. R. Appenzeller. Pastorates: Lemasters, Franklin County, Pa., one and one-half years; Everett, Pa., two and one half years; Grace, Sharpsville, Pa., five years; Homestead, Pa., six years. On May 27th, 1915, he was married to Mary Louise Rupp. One child, Edward Rupp.

HARVEY M. LEIDY

Harvey M. Leidy, son of Milton and Martha M. Leidy was born Nov. 16th, 1880, at Hilltown, Pa.; educated at Ursinus College and Central Theological Seminary, 1911; licensed May 30th, 1911, by Tohicken Classis; ordained July 26th, 1911, by Allegheny Classis: committee: Revs. D. N. Harnish, J. W. Pontius and A. H. Ginder. Since July 26th, 1911, he has been pastor of Grace Church, Harmony, Pa. On June 7th, 1911, Mr. Leidy was married to Miss Anna M. Miller. Alexander M. is their only child.

ARTHUR J. MILLER.

Arthur Jacob, son of Frederick P. and Anna Margaret Miller, was born in Sharon, Pa., May 18th, 1887; educated in the Sharon High School, 1905; Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., 1909, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, 1912. He was licensed May, 1912, by St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; ordained June 1912, by Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod. Pastors: Jenner, Pa., Somerset Classis, July, 1912, to Sept., 1914; Sulphur Springs, Pa., Juniata Classis, Oct., 1914, to June, 1919; Sugar Creek, Pa., Allegheny Classis, July, 1919..... Married July 2nd, 1910, to Miss Adaline Rodgers, of New Wilmington, Pa. Children: Margaret C., born Feb. 14, 1912; F. Paul, born Sept. 22, 1913; John Rodgers, born Apr. 7, 1917.



ROBERT F. McMEEKIN

Licentiate Robert F. McMeekin, Ph.D., son of Thomas and Agnes (Coleman) McMeekin, was born August 10, 1865, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He received his education at Washington and Jefferson College, Post-graduate course at Grove City College, Degree of Ph.D.; licensed by Allegheny Classis in May, 1917. Mr. McMeekin resides at Chicora, Pa.

FREDERICH C. NAU.

Frederick C. Nau, D. D., son of Rev. Henry and Catherine Nau was born at Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 2d, 1871; educated at Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio, and Heidelberg Theological Seminary; licensed May, 1896, by Erie Classis; ordained June, 1896, by St. John's Classis; committee: Revs. J. B. Rust, John Beck, A. G. Lohman and Henry Nau. Pastorates: First, Canton, Ohio, eleven years; St. Mark's, Easton, Pa., two years; St. Mark's, Reading, Pa., seven years; Grace, Pittsburgh, Pa., since June 1st, 1916. Married Sept. 2d, 1896, to Miss Angeline C. Cantieny. Two daughters: Catherine L. and Dorothy H. Nau. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Nau by Franklin and Marshall College in May, 1917.



PETER CORNELIUS PRUGH



Peter Cornelius Prugh, D. D., son of John and Catherine (Haines) Prugh, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, on Sept. 13th, 1822; educated at Marshall College, 1848, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating in 1849; licensed by Miami Classis in 1850; ordained by a committee of the same Classis: Revs. David Winters, and Thomas Winters; George Long and Rev. Dr. Freese. Pastorates: First Church, Zenia, Ohio, twenty-one years; chaplain of Soldiers and Sailors Orphans' Home, Zenia, Ohio, two years; Church of the Cross, Cincinnati, Ohio, three years; Germantown, Ohio, six years; Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa., twenty-one years. Married to Miss Charlotte Hassler, Apr. 2d, 1852. Children: Edwin Nevin, John Hassler, Andrew Bauchman, Daniel Kieffer, William

Schaff, Jane Melonshevin, Etta Catherine, Mary Augusta, and Frances Grace.

Rev. Mr. Prugh was stated clerk of Miami Classis for twenty-nine years, delegate and one of the secretaries of the Tercentenary Convention of the Heidelberg Catechism, delegate to the first meeting of General Synod, one of the Ohio Soldiers called the "Squirrel Hunters" during the Civil War. Franklin and Marshall College and Heidelberg College conferred the degree of D. D. upon Rev. Mr. Prugh on the same day. Dr. Prugh is now ninety-eight years of age, the oldest minister in the Reformed Church. He is president of the Centenarian Club of Los Angeles, Cal., and is active in Sunday School work.

JOHN W. PONTIUS



John W., the son of Solomon and Margaret Pontius, was born near Chincora, Pa., Aug. 14th, 1846; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by St. Paul's Classis June 11th, 1875; ordained by West Susquehanna Classis, July 18th, 1875; committee: Revs. H. King, D. G. Klein and J. Zellers. Pastorates: Lock Haven, Pa., one year; Zion's, Cochran, Pa., ten years; Martinsburg, Pa., ten years; Middletown, Md., ten years; Bethany, Butler, Pa., twelve years. Married Mar. 26th, 1879, to Miss Ida Apple. Five children: Joseph Apple, Margaret Elizabeth, Mary Catherine, Rev. Paul Reid, and S. G. Pontius.

LEWIS ROBB

Lewis Robb, D. D., son of Peter and Anna Marie (Gath) Robb, was born May 17th, 1860, at Howard, Centre County, Pa.; educated at Penn Hall Academy; Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by West Susquehanna Classis May 17th, 1888; ordained by the same classis July 31st, 1889: com-

mittee: Revs. D. O. Shoemaker, J. F. DeLong, D. D., and George W. Gerhard. Pastorates: St. John's, Williamsport, Pa., 1889-1893; Trinity, Altoona, Pa., 1893-1904; Trinity, Wilkesburg, Pa., 1905-1919. Rev. Mr. Robb was married Jan. 25th, 1894, to Miss Anna K. Dieffenbacher. Two daughters, Mary Catherine and Dorothy Martha. Dr. Robb was president of Potomac Synod in 1899; president of Pittsburgh Synod in 1909; stated clerk and treasurer of Juniata Classis; director of St. Paul's Orphans' Home for ten years and treasurer of the Orphans' Home for seven years; member of the Sunday School Board since 1896; member of the Board of Ministerial Relief since 1914; member of Board of Visitors of the Eastern Theological Seminary for five years; director of Hood College for two years. Franklin and Marshall College conferred the title of D. D. upon Rev. Robb in 1908.

PAUL B. RUPP

Paul B., son of the Rev. Dr. Wm. and Emma A. (Hambright) Rupp, was born Apr. 28th, 1883 in Manchester, Md.; educated at Franklin and Marshall Academy, Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary, graduating from the latter in 1907; later taking a post-graduate course, receiving the degree of B. D.; licensed by Somerset Classis May 27th, 1907; ordained by a committee of Juniata Classis, May 17th, 1908, namely: Revs. D. E. Master and E. S. LaMar. Rev. Mr. Rupp was pastor of the Saxton, Pa., charge, 1908-1911; First Reformed Church, McKeesport, Pa., 1911..... During his college course Mr. Rupp was a member of the debating teams which won the inter-collegiate championship. During his seminary course he won the Rhetoric prize and the Schaff Church History prize. During the war Rev. Rupp served as chaplain in the U. S. Army with the rank of First Lieutenant.



VICTOR A. RUTH

Victor A., son of George M. and Ella H. (Gechter) Ruth, was born at Bernville, Pa., Aug. 13th, 1889; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis, May 15th, 1918; ordained by Allegheny Classis Mar. 2d, 1919: committee: Revs. J. W. Pontius, J. I. Lauffer, and H. M. Leidy. Since Jan. 12th, 1919, Mr. Ruth has been pastor of the Olive charge, Butler County, Pa.



ALFRED M. SCHAFFNER

Alfred M., son of Daniel and Salome (Hoerner) Schaffner, was born in North Hanover Township, Dauphin County, Pa., on October 11, 1864; was educated at Mercersburg Academy, Franklin and Marshall College, 1890, and the Eastern Theological Seminary, 1893; was licensed by Lancaster Classis in May, 1893; ordained by Maryland Classis in June, 1893: the committee in charge being: Revs. G. A. Whitmore, J. R. Lewis, and Jacob B. Kerschner. He has served the following charges:—Emmitsburg, Md., two years; Meadville, Pa., four years; Ruffsedale, Pa., four years; Catawissa, Pa., seven years; Orangeville, Pa., six years; and Ellwood City, Pa., May 1, 1920..... Was married in 1893 to Isabel Slick, who died in 1901; married to Emma Shuman in 1912. Four children—Daniel M., Paul A., Walter F., and Henry R. From 1910 to 1914 Rev. Mr. Schaffner was owner and editor of the Meyersdale, Pa., "*Commercial*."

MORRIS GUINThER SCHUCKER

Morris G. Shucker, son of William R. and Maria (Guinther) Schucker, was born near Moselem Springs, Pa., Dec. 4th, 1877; educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by

Allegheny Classis May 22d, 1907; ordained by West Susquehanna Classis Nov. 22d, 1907: committee: Revs. E. T. Rhodes and George K. Ely. Pastorates: Selinsgrove, Pa., charge, from 1907 to 1909, and since then has been teaching. At the present time he is teaching in the Peabody High School, Pittsburgh, Pa. On Aug. 19th, 1902, Mr. Schucker was married to Miss Elsie M. Pflueger, of Seidersville, Pa. Children: Paul Frederick, Katherine Olivia, and Elizabeth Margaretta.

SAMUEL A. STAMM

Samuel A. son of Conrad and Elizabeth Stamm, was born in Franklin Township, Beaver County, Pa.; educated at Slippery Rock State Normal School and Heidelberg Seminary; licensed by Allegheny Classis in 1898, and ordained June 17th, 1898, by Illinois Classis. Pastorates: Shiloh, Ill., 1898-1903; West Salem, Ohio, 1903-1908; Ellwood City, Pa., 1909-1914; Fairview charge, Chicora, Pa., 1915..... Married June 16th, 1897, to Miss Cora Ida Fombell.

HENRY HARBAUGH WIAINT

Henry H., son of Jacob Fahr and Mary Catherine (McGinnes) Waint, was born in Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 17th, 1876; educated at Palatinate College, Franklin and Marshall College and the Eastern Theological Seminary; licensed by St. Paul's Classis June 6th, 1901; ordained by the same classis July 14th, 1901: committee: Revs.



A. M. Keifer and F. L. Kerr. Pastorates: Zion's Cochranton, Pa., 1901-1904; Zion's, Berlin, Pa., 1904-1917; St. Mark's Memorial, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1917..... President of Somerset Classis, 1911, and president of Pittsburgh Synod, 1914.

Editor's Note:—No data could be secured from the following ministers of this classis:—E. R. Hamme, and J. I. Lauffer.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF CHARGES AND CONGREGATIONS OF ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.

GRACE CHURCH, DUQUESNE, PA.

The organizers of this congregation were the Revs. A. H. Smith and A. K. Kline. On Oct. 18th, 1897, a Sunday School was organized, the first sermon being preached by Rev. A. H. Smith on Jan. 1st, 1898. On Sept. 24th, 1899, the congregation was organized in Spering's Hall, with Rev. A. K. Kline in charge. The first officers of the congregation were: Elders: Simon H. Young; Deacon: Frank E. Zeigler.

The corner stone was laid Dec. 25th, 1900. The lot and building together cost \$3,580, and was dedicated Apr. 2d, 1901. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the pastor. In cash and pledges \$1,037 was raised on this day. A parsonage was built in 1903 at a cost of \$2,344. The debt was cancelled during the pastorate of Dr. D. B. Lady. The sum raised for interest and principle was about \$5,000.

The following pastors have served this congregation:

Rev. John K. Adams.....	1899—1901
Rev. M. M. Noacher.....	1902—1903
Rev. J. Silor Garrison.....	1903—1904
Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.....	1905—1911
Rev. I. G. Snyder.....	1912—1915
Rev. A. M. Rahn.....	1916—1918
Rev. Henry E. Gebhard.....	1919....

The sum of six hundred dollars was raised for improvements during the pastorate of Rev. Snyder. During 1918 and 1919 the sum of \$750 was raised for additional improvements. The church and parsonage were sold for \$11,750, May 15th, 1919. A lot was purchased at the corner of Seventh St., and Kennedy Avenue for \$3,000. At the present time the congregation is making plans to build a new church. The present membership

is 115. The present officers are: Elders: Wm. S. Dorman, Isaac C. Harvey and N. G. Bachman; Deacons: Charles C. Corman, Paul F. Kraft, Charles B. Hall and C. C. Myer.

TRINITY CHURCH, WILKINSBURG, PA.

This church was organized June 19th, 1870, by Rev. L. B. Leasure. The number of members entering the organization was forty-eight. The congregation first worshipped in the Academy and later the use of the M. E. church was granted. In 1871 a lot was secured from Mr. James Kelly as a gift to the congregation. The corner stone of the chapel was laid Oct. 15th, 1871, when the sermon was preached by the missionary superintendent, Rev. F. K. Levan, D. D. The chapel was completed and dedicated June 5th, 1872. On this occasion the sermon was preached by Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D. In 1874 a parsonage was built costing \$2800. Because of the congregation's not being able to pay their indebtedness, it was thought the congregation would be disbanded. Mrs. Margarite Chadwick gave the congregation \$1,200 and Pittsburgh Synod, \$1,000, and then, four members of the church mortgaged their property to save the church. The mission was now unable to support a pastor, and petitioned the pastor of Zion's congregation to supply them, which was done for a period of four years. The congregation took on new life again and in June, 1896, the corner stone of a new church was laid which was dedicated March 14th, 1897, the Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D., preaching the sermon. The cost of the church was \$22,000 and Mr. Carnegie gave the pipe organ as a gift. In 1903 the auditorium was remodeled, a steam heater installed in 1906, and the organ was rebuilt and the church frescoed in 1910. A parsonage was bought in 1906 for \$6,350.

The present membership is 701. The members of the consistory are: Elders: H. F. Texter, H. H. Martz, and J. F. Arnold; Deacons: Harry Fullerton, J. E. Hindman,

William Segrist, J. C. Calwell, E. F. Guthrie, J. W. Brown, C. I. Miller, J. C. Price, N. E. Dibble, T. I. Hamm, C. F. Jordon and C. G. Speicher.

The following pastors served this congregation:

Rev. L. B. Leasure.....	1870—1871 .
Rev. T. F. Stauffer.....	1871—1877
Rev. J. M. Souder.....	1877—1879
Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.....	1879—1883
Rev. M. F. Frank.....	1884—1886
Rev. J. S. Freeman.....	1886—1895
Rev. C. L. Alspach.....	1895—1900
Rev. P. S. Leinbach.....	1901—1904
Rev. Lewis Robb, D. D.....	1905—1919
Rev. H. N. Bassler.....	1919....

FIRST CHURCH, PITCAIRN, PA.

The First Church, of Pitcairn, Pa., began its history May 28th, 1899. Then a service was held and a Sunday School was organized. Student, Ellis S. Hay conducted some services. Later the Sunday School Board commissioned the Rev. A. C. Snyder to take up the work. At the first session of the Sunday School, sixteen were present. The congregation was organized with twenty-two members. The first consistory was: Elder: Henry Armagost and Deacons: W. H. Walker and R. M. Baker.

The corner stone was laid Aug. 20th, 1899, the sermon being preached by Rev. T. R. Dietz, and Revs. J. G. Walter, A. K. Kline and A. C. Snyder, assisting. The church was dedicated Dec. 3d, 1899, when Revs. T. R. Dietz and J. F. Kerlin had charge of the services. The total cost of the building was about \$1500 and there remained an indebtedness of \$600 which was paid off Mar. 28th, 1905. An addition to the building was completed in 1909 at a cost of \$1425. On Apr. 21st, 1915, it was decided to build a more suitable church and parsonage. This new structure was dedicated June 18th, 1916, the Revs. C. E. Schaeffer, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., and Elder Jos. S. Wise having charge of this service. The church building

was erected and equipped at a cost of \$22,000, and the parsonage at a cost of \$4,000. The following pastors have served this charge:

Rev. A. C. Snyder.....	1899—1900
Rev. A. B. Bauman.....	1901—1907
Rev. F. L. Kerr.....	1908—1910
Rev. C. H. Faust.....	1910—1916
Rev. W. R. Clark.....	1917—1920
Rev. C. A. Bushong.....	1920—

The present membership is 118. The present consistory: Elders—W. N. Walker, M. F. Hershey, W. H. Enyeart, and W. F. Jae. Deacons—Ralph Walker, Emerson Sprowl, George Davis, and E. M. Rosenberger.

CALVARY CHURCH, TURTLE CREEK, PA.

This congregation was organized by the Rev. H. D. Darbaker, Oct. 15th, 1882, with twenty-one charter members. The first consistory was: Elders: Wm. N. Cline, and Wilson Wigle; Deacons: S. C. Bethune and W. H. Kemerer. During 1883 the first church building was erected, which was dedicated Oct. 29th, 1883, the sermon being preached by Rev. J. F. Snyder. The present brick structure was erected in 1896, the corner stone being laid in June, and on Oct. 25th, of the same year the church was dedicated. The total cost was \$11,500. The ministers present at the dedication with the pastor, Rev. J. J. Wagoner, were: Revs. O. H. Strunck, C. L. Allspach and A. K. Kline. A parsonage was built in 1898.

The following have been the pastors:

Rev. H. D. Darbaker.....	1882—1888
Rev. E. S. Hassler.....	1888—1893
Rev. J. J. Wagoner.....	1893—1897
Rev. T. R. Dietz.....	1898—1907
Rev. J. C. Sanders.....	1908—1914
Rev. David Dunn.....	1916—

On April 1st, 1891, Calvary became a separate charge. Prior to this it formed a charge with McKeesport. On Sept. 25th, 1904, re-opening services were held after a thorough renovation. In 1911, extensive repairs were made. On Oct. 6th, 1912, the Thirtieth Anniversary was

celebrated with the dedication of the newly furnished basement. In 1919 a debt of \$3,800 was paid and the congregation went to self-support, which event was celebrated by a series of services. The present membership is 312. The consistory for 1920 is:

Elders—A. H. Schultz, G. W. Snyder, and B. E. Rupert; Deacons—D. C. Hershberger, Wm. Miller, E. J. Ocker, Charles Milne, H. L. Forsha, and Mark Lewis.

ST. LUKE'S, BRADDOCK, PA.

St. Luke's congregation was organized June 24th, 1888, by the Revs. H. D. Darbaker and J. W. Miller, a committee appointed by Allegheny Classis. The first communion was held Dec. 20th, 1888, and the first consistory was composed of the following: Elders: Edwin Twitmeyer and Joseph Miller; Deacons: Amos Loughner, and William Sperling.

The church building was erected and dedicated in 1890, and the ministers assisting the pastor, Rev. E. S. Hassler, were: Revs. C. U. Heilman, Jacob Hassler, D. D., A. E. Truxal, D. D., James E. Freeman, and J. H. Prugh, D. D. The parsonage was built about 1892, at a cost of \$2,000. On March 29th, 1912, a pipe organ was installed and dedicated.

The pastors have been:

Rev. E. S. Hassler.....	1888—1891
Rev. S. C. Long.....	1891—1893
Rev. A. K. Kline.....	1893—1903
Rev. E. H. Laubach.....	1904—1905
Rev. John J. Leberman.....	1905—1907
Rev. W. E. Garrett.....	1907—1914
Rev. W. S. Harman.....	1915—1917
Rev. C. P. Fisher.....	1919—

The present membership is 157. 1920 consistory:

Elders—Henry Sarver, Benj. Roup, and Chas. McGurk; Deacons—D. I. Haas, Milton Koontz, Samuel Hensh, Robert Bennett, C. A. Miller, and G. W. Shontz.

GRACE CHURCH, HARMONY, PA.

In 1805 on the 15th of February, George Rapp and his associates organized the Harmony Society. Ten years later Mr. Rapp and his followers left Harmony and went to New Harmony, Ind.

Grace congregation was founded in the year 1826 by the Rev. Henry Koch. No record has been kept of the number or the names of the original members. The church which was erected in 1809 was the meeting place of the Harmony Society. In 1826 it was purchased by Abraham Zeigler for \$300.00. Since then it has been remodeled and repaired until at the present time it has the appearance of a modern church.

The following ministers have served the congregation:

Rev. Henry Koch.....	1826—1827
Rev. Daniel Rauhauser.....	1827—1833
Rev. Minnick	1833—1834
Rev. Daubert	1835—1837
Rev. E. F. Winter.....	1837—1839
Rev. J. F. Dieffenbacher.....	1839—1842
Rev. E. F. Winter.....	1842—1845
Rev. Samuel Miller.....	1845—1848
Rev. L. D. Leberman.....	1848—1849
Rev. S. Miller.....	1849—1852
Rev. Joseph Miller.....	1852—1853
Rev. H. F. Hartman.....	1853—1856
Rev. Lucian Cort.....	1856—1857
Rev. F. W. Dechant.....	1857—1863
Rev. W. M. Landis.....	1863—1870
Rev. F. A. Edmonds.....	1870—1886
Rev. H. H. Sandoe.....	1886—1889
Rev. E. H. Otting.....	1889—1895
Rev. A. J. Heller.....	1895—1899
Rev. J. A. Leutzinger.....	1899—1905
Rev. Lewis Reiter.....	1905—1910
Rev. H. M. Leidy	1911—

The present membership is 386. The members of the consistory are: Elder Emeritus: Kilgore Moyer; Elders: J. M. Wise, A. W. Moyer, Clarence Gallagher, H. C. Milleman, John Erb, and Wm. Kloffenstein; Deacons: Walter Lutz, Harry Shirey, John Wise, Roy Harper, Max Sitler and Earl Scheidemantel.

ST. PETER'S, ZELIENOPLE, PA.

This congregation was organized in 1858 by Rev. E. F. Winter as an independent church. It continued as such until 1911 when it became a part of Allegheny Classis of the Reformed Church. On Nov. 28th, 1858, the following persons were elected to the consistory: Philip Sanner, Peter Osterling, John Frishkorn, Michael Hahn, Henry Westerfeld, Henry Kusuff and Philip Stepler. This consistory held their first meeting Dec. 23d, 1858. A new church was dedicated the first Sunday after Easter in the year 1862. In 1864 a pipe organ, costing \$500, was installed. In 1912 it was replaced by a modern Estey pipe organ, costing \$1200. The church was legally incorporated on Jan. 15th, 1872, under the name of "The German United Evangelical Protestant congregation of St. Peter's Church." The following was the personnel of the consistory at the time of the issuing of the charter: Elders: Henry Kaufman and Daniel Stamm; Deacons: John Dambach, Jacob Cerwig and Henry Lutz; Trustees: John Wurster, Adam Endres and Edwin Zehner.

In the year 1901 a parsonage was built at a cost of \$2,314.84. In 1915 a large addition was built to the church. The pastors have been:

Rev. E. F. Winter.....	1858—1879
Rev. C. Scheel.....	1880—1896
Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus.....	1896—1900
Rev. C. D. Miller.....	1900—1911
Rev. C. P. D. Peters.....	1911—1914
Rev. E. R. Hamme.....	1914—1919
Rev. W. S. Harman.....	1919—

The present number of members is 369. The present members of the consistory are: Elders: Frank Smith and E. P. Young; Deacons: Harrison Cable, George Dambach, E. W. Zehner and Chas. Mickley; Trustees: Wm. Fogel; Howard Rape and Henry W. Lutz.

CHRIST CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

This congregation was organized April 20th, 1904, by the City missionary, Rev. A. K. Kline, in conjunction with a committee of Allegheny Classis in the I. O. O. F. Hall in Homewood. The record of the first communion, May 22d, 1904, shows that all but two of the twenty-seven members communed. The following persons were elected officers: Elders: Geo. W. McIntyre and Steele Henderson; Deacons: J. N. McComb, D. W. Baird, and John A. Duvall.

The property at Hamilton and Lang Avenues was bought from the United Presbyterian church in the spring of 1906 for \$14,000. The pastors have been:

Rev. A. K. Kline.....	1903—1904
Rev. J. Grant Walter.....	1904—1906
Rev. J. Kern McKee.....	1906—1907
Rev. H. D. Darbaker.....	1908—1913
Rev. A. H. Groff.....	1913—1917
Rev. W. F. Ginder.....	1918—

From 1910 to 1913 extensive improvements were made. The basement was excavated by the members, a new fence was placed around the lot, pews were purchased and new heaters were installed. All this was done during a severe financial panic. The average annual contributions per members amounted to about \$25.00. The present membership is 85. The present officers are: Elders: W. S. Groff, W. F. Lazaro and H. O. Waugaman; Deacons: W. R. Andrews, G. A. Keil, S. E. Wampler and P. D. Otto.

ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER, PA.

At a meeting called for the purpose at St. Paul's Orphans' Home Aug. 22d, 1878, with Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Supt. of the Home, presiding, an organization was effected. Thirty-one members were enrolled. The first officers were: Elders: Henry Nicholas and J. C. Tinsman; Deacons: Edward Mackey and Henry Biehl.

The English Lutheran Church on West North St., was purchased. Here the congregation worshipped for

some years. The corner stone of the present edifice was laid in the fall of 1888. The church on Walker Avenue was erected at a cost of \$11,000. The dedication service was held June 22d, 1889. The ministers present at this service were Revs. C. U. Heilman, H. S. Garner, P. C. Prugh, D. D., J. H. Prugh, D. D., and the pastor, Rev. D. N. Harnish. In 1898 a parsonage was erected beside the church at a cost of \$3,500. The lots for the church and parsonage were donated by Mrs. Sarah Mackey. Pastors:

Rev. T. F. Stauffer.....	1882—1884
Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D.....	Supply Pastor
Rev. D. N. Harnish.....	1886—1914
Rev. F. K. Stamm.....	1915—1918
Rev. H. J. Herber.....	1918—

For some years, until 1901, the St. John's congregation in Butler Township was a part of this charge.

Through the generosity of Mr. Philip Daubenspeck, for many years an elder in the congregation, the sum of \$7,000 was given as a fund for the improvement and enlargement of the church edifice. At a missionary service held in the church during a meeting of Synod Dr. W. E. Hoy made a stirring appeal to the congregation. He challenged them to give \$500.00 for the cause of Foreign Missions. The result was that in half an hour the sum of \$1100 was given. A few years ago a parsonage and lot for a new church was purchased for \$20,000. The present membership is 512. The members of the consistory in 1920 are: Elders: J. G. Runkle, V. K. Irvine, B. F. Shannon, Wm. A. Armstrong, and S. H. Shakely; Deacons: Thos. Lyons, J. A. Perry, Joseph Standacher, C. P. Eberle, O. H. Nicholas, James Duffield, Abram Gillis, N. E. Perrin and F. H. Davy.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEW KENSINGTON, PA.

This congregation was organized Dec. 19th, 1895, by the Rev. Harry W. Bright; Elders: John Bromer, Isaac Heister and Obadiah Rupert; Deacons: William Ebner, J. C. Gruver, and C. W. Shaeffer.

The present church is the original one. It has been

improved and repaired from time to time. The lots were given by the Burrell Improvement Company. In 1918 the congregation purchased the adjoining twenty feet for \$1,065. The corner stone was laid July 5th, 1896. The ministers present at this service were: Rev. H. W. Bright and Ephraim Dickey of the Lutheran Church. The church was dedicated Nov. 29th, 1896. The cost of the building was \$6,000. The clergymen present at the dedication service were Revs. A. E. Truxal, D. D., D. B. Lady, D. D., R. C. Bowling, P. C. Prugh, D. D., and the pastor. The present value of the property is about \$20,000.

The following pastors have served this congregation:

Rev. H. W. Bright.....	1895—1899
Rev. D. H. Leader.....	1900—1901
Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.	1901—1905
Rev. J. W. Zehring.....	1905—1906
Rev. J. A. Leuzinger.....	1906—1907
Rev. B. K. Hay.....	1907—1910
Rev. J. E. Scheets.....	1910—1917
Rev. F. L. Kerr.....	1918—

The present membership numbers 217. The consistory at present is composed of: Elders: L. E. Biery, A. E. Imm, W. H. Yoder and A. T. Miller; Deacons: A. F. Biery, W. E. Haney, L. W. Boyer and C. W. Shaeffer.

OLIVET CHARGE

St. John's and St. Paul's Congregations.

St. John's Congregation.

This congregation familiarly known as the "White Church," originated from a German congregation that was organized by Rev. Samuel Miller, a member of Westmoreland Classis of the Synod of Ohio, in the year 1845. The first officers were: Elders: Frederick Bérghman and Henry Duffert; Deacons: Abraham Handshoe, and Philip Duffert.

The corner stone of the first church was laid May 28th, 1847. Rev. Samuel Miller officiated both in the German and English language. The ground upon which the

church was built was donated by John Henshew. In Nov. 1847, the church was dedicated. The pastor was assisted by Revs. L. D. Leberman, Henry Hoffman, and D. Poerner.

The language question presented some problems here. In 1870 the English element was greatly in the majority. They organized a separate congregation. Both congregations occupied the same building though not meeting at the same time. In 1873 both the German and English congregations were united with Prospect and Butler, forming the Butler charge. Rev. C. A. Limberg supplied as German pastor and Rev. J. B. Thompson as English pastor. In 1877 this relationship was annulled and the two congregations became known as the Henshew charge. In 1886 the younger congregation worshipped in a hall. It was decided to build a church. The corner stone was laid Oct. 14th, 1888. The pastor, Rev. D. N. Harnish, was assisted in this service by Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D. The officers at this time were: Elders: Eli Henshew, A. O. Eberhart and J. W. Kaltenbach; Deacons: Alfred Sarver, A. P. Husselton and John Keiffer. The new church was dedicated Feb. 3d, 1889. The ministers present on this occasion were: Revs. D. N. Harnish, W. W. Deatrick, P. C. Prugh, D. D., and H. S. Garner. In 1906 the church was remodeled and beautified. A Sunday School Annex was built. These improvements involved a cost of nearly five thousand dollars.

The following have been pastors:

Rev. Samuel Miller.....	1845—1860
Rev. F. W. Dechant.....	1860—1866
Rev. W. M. Landis.....	1866—1875
Rev. F. A. Edmonds.....	1876—1878
Rev. W. B. Sandoe.....	1878—1881
Rev. Josiah May.....	1882—1885
Rev. D. N. Harnish.....	1886—1901
Rev. C. H. Faust.....	1902—1910
Rev. J. M. Evans.....	1911—1918
Rev. V. A. Ruth.....	1919—

The present members of the consistory are: Elders: A. F. Wochsmuth, Alfred Sarver, Harry Hoffman and

George Dershimer; Deacons: J. A. Eberhard, E. E. Hiliard, James Barr, and Richard Dean. The present membership is 178.

St. Paul's Congregation, Petersville.

This congregation had its beginning in a German Independent congregation known by the name of German Evangelical Protestant congregation. The congregation was composed mostly of former Lutheran and Reformed people. A constitution was adopted Sept. 28th, 1885, and signed by twenty-eight members. For sometime this congregation worshipped in a meeting house at Main and Renfrew streets. In 1887 the present building was erected at a cost of \$700. At the service of dedication held on Nov. 6th, 1887 the German sermon was preached by Rev. E. H. Otting and the English sermon by Rev. P. C. Prugh. The church existed as an independent charge until Dec. 25th, 1896, when it became a part of Allegheny Classis. The congregation became a part of the Olivet charge in 1901. In 1911 the church building was remodeled extensively. A tower was built and a bell installed. New pews were furnished. A furnace was added to the equipment. This involved a cost of \$1,900. The pastors have been:

Rev. F. A. Edmonds.....	1886—1887
Rev. E. H. Otting.....	1887—1897
Rev. J. A. Leutzinger.....	1897—1898
Rev. W. G. Kline.....	1899—1901
Rev. U. C. E. Gutelius.....	1901—1902
Rev. C. H. Faust.....	1902—1910
Rev. J. M. Evans.....	1911—1918
Rev. V. A. Ruth.....	1919—

The present membership is 98. The members of the consistory in 1920 are: Elders: Lewis Rader, Sylvanus Henshaw, Rudolph Barnhart and Henry Drushel; Deacons: Clinton D. Henshaw, William Coulter, John Flinner and Charles Drushel.

SUGAR CREEK CHARGE

St. Paul's and Trinity Congregations.

St. Paul's Congregation.

This congregation is located in the southeast corner of Fairview Township, Butler County. The exact date of the organization is not known. Tradition tells us that about the year 1803 a church and school house were built. Occasional services were held. The earliest available record states that David Shakely was baptized Oct. 18th, 1822, by Rev. Henry Koch.

About 1870 the present church edifice was erected. It is beautifully located in Sugar Creek Township, Armstrong County, about a mile east of the original site. Church and parsonage and the well kept God's-acre present a most beautiful appearance.

The following pastors have served here:

Rev. Henry Koch.....	1819—1844
Rev. D. B. Ernst.....	1844—1845
Rev. Samuel Miller.....	1845—1848
Rev. L. D. Leberman.....	1849—1849
Rev. Samuel Miller.....	1850—1852
Rev. H. F. Hartman.....	1852—1856
Rev. Joseph Miller (Supply) May-Oct.,	1856
Rev. Abner Dale.....	1856—1860
Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.....	1860—1865
Rev. J. S. Shade.....	1865—1869
Rev. Abner Dale.....	1869—1874
Rev. J. W. Alspach.....	1875—1879
Rev. C. Gumbert.....	1879—1884
Rev. Josiah May.....	1884—1889
Rev. D. G. Klein.....	1890—1897
Rev. J. F. Kerlin.....	1898—1898
Rev. C. H. Faust.....	1899—1902
Rev. D. I. Schaeffer.....	1903—1905
Rev. J. M. Bean.....	1906—1910
Rev. J. Albert Law.....	1910—1915
Rev. Hugh D. Maxwell.....	1915—1918
Rev. Arthur J. Miller.....	1919—

In 1913 a furnace was installed in the basement of the church. In 1918 extensive improvements were made to the church property. This congregation has entertained

Allegheny Classis four times. The present membership is 210. Present consistory: Elders: W. E. Wiles, D. T. Vensel, and Chas. McElroy; Deacons: J. E. Thompson, J. F. Wiles, G. P. Kepple, and W. I. King.

Trinity's Congregation, Brady's Bend.

This congregation was organized Oct. 30th, 1864, by the Rev. C. A. Limberg. The names of the first consistory are: Elders: Heinrich Boltz and Heinrich Helwig; Deacons: George Pfaff, Philip D. Garner and Heinrich Ruppel; Trustees: Wilhelm Vogt, Johann Pfaff, and Andrew Garner.

The church was built in 1865. It was substantially built and has served as a house of worship for more than half a century. The seats and pulpit furniture remain the same as when installed. Since 1899 this congregation has been a part of the Sugar Creek charge. The present membership is 73. The pastors have been:

Rev. C. A. Limberg.....	1864—1890
Rev. D. G. Klein.....	1890—1897
Rev. J. F. Kerlin.....	1898—1898
Rev. C. H. Faust.....	1899—1902
Rev. D. I. Shaeffer.....	1903—1905
Rev. J. M. Bean.....	1906—1910
Rev. J. Albert Law.....	1910—1915
Rev. Hugh D. Maxwell.....	1915—1918
Rev. Arthur J. Miller.....	1919—

The Rev. Mr. Limberg who served this congregation for a quarter of a century resided in Butler, Pa., and rode out on horseback to preach the Gospel to this flock. Present consistory: Elders: Henry Vogt, Wm. Hicks, Chas. Jones, and Walter Hicks; Deacons: Frank Vogt, Chas. King, Ed. E. Donalson, Chas. Crawford.

BETHANY CHURCH, BUTLER, PA.

When St. Paul's congregation moved to the south side of the city in 1889, a portion of the congregation remained and continued to hold services on the north side. Bethany congregation was organized Nov. 9th, 1890.

The first officers were: Elders: Henry Biehl and J. R. Smith. Deacons: F. W. Limberg and J. S. Wiles.

The corner stone of the new church was laid Oct. 8th, 1911. The building was dedicated Oct. 27th, 1912. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. T. F. Herman. The Rev. W. H. Tussing preached in the evening and Rev. H. M. Leidy took part in the service. At this service the sum of \$1,650.00 was raised. The cost of the edifice was \$11,000.

The following are the dates of the various pastors:

Rev. H. E. Snyder.....	1891—1896
Rev. J. A. Leutzinger.....	1897—1899
Rev. W. G. Kline.....	1899—1901
Rev. S. C. Long.....	1902—1905
Rev. L. V. Hetrick.....	1906—1907
Rev. J. W. Pontius.....	1907—

Bethany congregation was constituted a mission Jan. 1st, 1910. Allegheny Classis met in Bethany Church in 1915. For some years during the early history of this congregation it was connected with the Petersville congregation.

The present membership is 199.

The Elders in 1920 are: W. A. Ashbaugh and N. J. Boyer; the Deacons: G. W. Braun, Roy Campbell, W. J. Biehl and LeVerne Armstrong.

FIRST CHURCH, HOMESTEAD, PA.

The First Reformed Church grew out of the Sunday School which had been organized Sept. 4th, 1898 by a committee appointed by the Missionary Alliance of Allegheny Classis. The Sunday School held its sessions in the Munhall public school building. On Aug. 1st, 1899, Rev. John K. Adams began his ministry in Homestead. After a little more than two months of work a congregation was organized. This was on Oct. 6th, 1899. The place was the office of Dr. A. P. Fogleman. The first officers were Elders: Dr. A. P. Fogleman and Dr. E. E. Wible; Deacons: James Kemerer and Harry D. Dodge.

A plot of ground at 15th Avenue and Mifflin St., was purchased. The lot contained two two-story frame buildings. The sum paid for the lot with improvements was \$4,500. The corner stone was laid Oct. 26th, 1902. Addresses on this occasion were made by the Revs. J. H. Prugh, D. D., and C. W. Weaver, Ph.D., of the M. E. church, Homestead. On Apr. 19th, 1903, the church edifice was dedicated. The church fully equipped cost \$4,800. The sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., of Lisbon, Iowa. The present value of the plant is \$10,000.

The pastors have been:

Rev. John K. Adams.....	1899—1901
Rev. M. M. Noacher.....	1902—1903
Rev. A. J. Collison.....	1904—1908
Rev. J. B. Shontz.....	1908—1910
Rev. H. A. Shiffer.....	1910—1914
Rev. E. S. LaMar.....	1914—1920

The present membership is 74. The members of the consistory are: Elders: E. E. Wible, A. P. Fogleman, and Wm. Gluck; Deacons: F. E. Stanton, Alex H. Faults, H. T. Harding, Fred A. Hiege, Andrew Wallace and Harry E. Clever.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, PITTSBURGH

The Rev. A. C. Dieffenbach organized this congregation on Sept. 16th, 1902. There were forty-two persons who entered into the organization.

The first consistory was as follows: Elders: John E. Garver and Samuel J. Myers; Deacons: Henry G. Rese, John Weitzel, Charles H. Wilson and W. J. Poschman.

The corner stone was laid Nov. 15th, 1903. The church was erected at a cost of \$31,500 and was dedicated on June 19th, 1904. The sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. R. C. Scheidt, of Franklin and Marshall College. The pastors have been:

Rev. A. C. Dieffenbach.....	1901—1911
Rev. R. J. Pilgrim.....	1912—1917
Rev. H. L. Krause.....	1918—

The present membership is 125. The present members of the consistory are: Elders: Chas. M. Gates, W. J. Poschman and C. A. Muehlbronner; Deacons: E. M. Kerschner, W. J. Lightner, Wm. L. Walton, A. H. Gross, Ed. G. Marzolf, Thos. C. Pinkerton, Oscar A. Muehlbronner, F. E. Dieffenbach, C. H. McCall, and Z. T. Plank.

ST. PAUL'S, PITTSBURGH, PA.

This congregation was organized on June 19th, 1869, by the Rev. F. K. Levan, at that time a Missionary Superintendent. Those constituting the first consistory of the congregation were the Rev. F. K. Levan, Chairman, Christian Siebert, Ernst Boehme, and Geo. Schade; Elders: R. B. Paulisch, Adolph Konold and Adam Daum; Deacons; and Fred P. Berg, Trustee, and Secretary of the consistory and congregation. In the beginning divine services were held in an old school house and a few months later a permanent house of worship was erected on the present site. As the congregation began to enlarge the old frame building was moved to the rear of the lot and the present brick structure built before it. For many years the services of this congregation were conducted in the German language and the congregation was aligned with the German Synod of the East. However, since June 1st, 1920, all services and worship have been conducted in the English language. The following are the names of the pastors including the period of their ministry as served. Rev. F. K. Levan organized the congregation and supplied it for a short time.

The pastors have been:

Rev. J. B. Poerner.....	a few months
Rev. Albert Krahn.....	1869—1872
Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus.....	1872—1877
Rev. George Saul.....	1877—1878
Rev. John Heberle.....	1878—1879
Rev. M. F. Drumstrey.....	1879—1887
Rev. Julius Herold.....	1887—1893
Rev. Conrad Boley.....	1893—1896
Rev. H. Holliger.....	1897—1914
Rev. W. E. Horstmeier.....	1914—

During the interim of repeated vacancies occurring the Revs. Conrad Borchers and G. Dolch, D. D., acted as supply. The one prominent and very happy event in the history of this congregation was the three day celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary in June, 1919. The present membership enrollment is 162. Those constituting the consistory to date, are:

Elders: P. W. Siebert, Frank Wagoner, Wm. Hirschcliff, and John Fyock, Sr.; Deacons: Charles King, George Fritz, Wm. Amend, Oliver Weaver, and Frederick Weil; Trustees: Charles Hildebrand and Henry D. Engel; Wm. Hirschcliff, Secretary of the consistory and congregation.

EMMANUEL, ELLWOOD CITY

The Rev. A. K. Kline, city missionary of Allegheny Classis, was the founder of this church. The congregation was organized in the Welsh Baptist Church, Apr. 9th, 1905. The first officers were: Elders: John Scheidemantel and Christian Frishkorn; Deacons: William Scheidemantel and Henry M. Cresswell.

This congregation worships in a two-story brick structure on the corner of Eighth St., and Crescent Avenue. The value of the property is now \$18,000. The corner stone of the church was laid June 4th, 1911. Rev. D. A. Souders, D. D., and the pastor Rev. S. A. Stamm were in charge of the services. Several of the local clergymen were also present.

Nov. 19th, 1911, was known as opening day. The ministers present were in addition to the pastor loci, Rev. S. A. Stamm, Revs. A. K. Kline, Lewis Robb, D. D., and D. A. Souders, D. D., and several local pastors. Elder C. M. Boush, a member of the Home Mission Board, was also present and delivered an address.

The completed church was formally dedicated on June 24th, 1917. The ministers present on this occasion were Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., S. A. Stamm, E. R. Hamme, R. J. Pilgrim, James A. Cosby and the pastor, J. B. Musser. On this occasion the choir of St. Peter's Church,

Zelienople rendered special music. The amount of money in cash and pledges secured was \$3,286.61. The cost of completing and furnishing the auditorium was \$4448.07

The pastors have been :

Rev. A. K. Kline.....	1905—1909
Rev. S. A. Stamm.....	1909—1914
Rev. J. B. Musser.....	1914—1919
Rev. A. M. Schaffner.....	1920—

The first service was held Feb. 5th, 1905. The first Sunday School session was held Feb. 12th, 1905, with three scholars. The congregation was enrolled by the Board of Home Missions July 1st, 1907, with thirty-eight members.

The present membership is ninety-three. The members of the consistory in 1920: Elders: John Scheidemantel, Samuel Wilkinson, Henry M. Cresswell, and George C. Nickols; Deacons: Carl Scheidemantel, Wm. G. Duncan, H. R. Laughlin and Charles E. Anderson.

FIRST CHURCH, MCKEESPORT, PA.

This congregation began its history on the second Lord's Day in Oct., 1882. The congregation was organized by the Rev. H. D. Darbaker.

The first consistory was composed of the following men: Elders: W. P. Watson and Adam Kemerer; Deacons: A. J. Baker and William Miller. A. J. Baker was elected secretary of the consistory and W. P. Watson, treasurer.

The original lot at Ringold and Sinclair Sts., was bought in May, 1883, for \$2,215.00. The first building was erected at a cost of \$1,503.66. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. E. E. Higbee, D. D. The Rev. A. E. Truxal had in charge the solicitation of funds. In 1902 this property was sold to the Greek Catholic congregation for \$10,000. The present location at the corner of Library and South Union Avenues was bought for the sum of \$3,000.00. The corner stone was laid in 1903. On April 9th, 1905 the new building was dedicated. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D.

Other ministers taking part in the service were: Revs. O. H. Strunk, H. D. Darbaker and A. H. Smith. The total cost on the day of dedication was estimated at \$21,000.

The following pastors have been in charge here:

Rev. H. D. Darbaker.....	1882—1894
Rev. J. F. Emil Muehe.....	1895—1897
Rev. A. H. Smith.....	1897—1902
Rev. C. F. Althouse.....	1902—1903
Rev. Aaron Noll.....	1904—1909
Rev. Paul B. Rupp.....	1911—

In Oct., 1912, the Thirtieth Anniversary of the congregation was celebrated. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. D. Darbaker. On April 22d, 1919, the debt resting upon the church since April, 1905, was cancelled. At this service addresses were delivered by the pastor, Elder Conrad Hohman and Prof. A. H. List and Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., who had been in charge of the congregation for seven months, during the pastor's absence in the army. During the present pastorate numerous improvements have been made to the church property.

The present membership is 175. The present officers are: Elders: E. A. Nace, Conrad Hohman and J. W. Hammer; Deacons: W. W. Henderson, Frank Young, Jack Beard, and Charles Hoffman; Trustees: W. F. Klingensmith, C. O. Fulmer, and Charles Kufen. The secretary of the consistory is J. W. Hammer; the treasurer is E. A. Nace.

ST. JOHN'S, EVANS CITY, PA.

Previous to the establishment of separate congregations the Reformed and Lutheran people of Evans City and vicinity worshipped as one congregation under the title of the German Evangelical Church. As early as 1849 St. Peter's Evangelical Union Church was organized by Rev. Henry Muntz as the Evansburg Lutheran and Reformed Church.

The Reformed people wishing to have a place of worship, at a later period separated themselves from the congregation. A church was built and under the leader-

ship of the Rev. E. H. Otting, they organized a congregation, drew up a constitution and applied for a charter as St. John's United Christian Church of Evans City, Pa. This was on April 1st, 1889.

The first elders were: Conrad Wagner, Zeno Markel and William Goehring; Deacons: George Dombart, A. H. Behm and John Entres; Trustees: Gustav Greisbach, Philip D. Gelbach and Daniel Markel.

St. John's has a substantial church building with Sunday School rooms attached. Recently the congregation has purchased a lot adjoining the church property upon which they contemplate erecting a parsonage. The congregation numbers 284 and is perhaps the leading congregation in the town.

The following pastors have served St. John's:

Rev. E. H. Otting.....	1889—1894
Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D.....	1895—1898
Rev. J. F. Kerlin.....	1898—1901
Rev. U. C. E. Gutelius.....	1901—1903
Rev. A. H. Ginder.....	1904—1917
Rev. J. I. Lauffer.....	1918—1920

During the pastorate of Dr. Heller, St. John's congregation made application and was admitted to membership in Allegheny Classis. Pittsburgh Synod was entertained on two occasions by this congregation, in 1900 and 1915. During the spring of 1920 extensive improvements were made to the church property.

The present members of the consistory are: Elders: John C. Goehring, J. W. Shakely, George Fiehl, V. A. Barnhart, C. H. Behm, and Ira Behm; Deacons: H. B. Texter, Grover C. Rahiser, A. Zeigler, H. F. Gelbach, F. R. Leighner, and Alfred Metz.

FAIRVIEW CHARGE

St. John's and St. Peter's Congregations.

St. John's Congregation.

This congregation was organized by Rev. Abner Dale in 1869. The first officers were Elders: David Barnhart,

Michael Meyers and Fred Barnhart; Deacons: Samuel Stewart, J. J. Barnhart and Adam Stewart.

The church was built in 1869 and on June 19th of that year was dedicated to the service of Almighty God. There is an eight room parsonage located at Chicora. From the organization of the congregation until 1879 it belonged to the Sugar Creek charge. Since then together with the St. Peter's congregation at Baldwin, Pa., it has formed the Fairview charge.

The following have been the pastors:

Rev. Abner Dale	1870—1875
Rev. J. Hannaberry.....	1875—1879
Rev. J. W. Alspach.....	1879—1886
Rev. H. H. Sandoe.....	1887—1888
Rev. H. S. Garner.....	1888—1896
Rev. C. F. Althouse.....	1897—1902
Rev. A. H. Ginder.....	1902—1904
Rev. E. H. Laubach.....	1905—1907
Rev. C. B. Rebert.....	1907—1911
Rev. F. M. Shultz.....	1911—1913
Rev. E. M. Adair.....	1914—1915
Rev. S. A. Stamm	1915—

The present members of the consistory are: Elders: O. Barnhart, James Young, L. B. Luper, and J. H. Andre; Deacons: John D. Bish, L. A. Eberhart, W. T. Byers, L. C. Barnhart, G. A. Truscott, and A. D. Kepple. The church membership is 120.

St. Peter's Congregation:

The date of the organization of this congregation is 1847. The congregation was organized by Rev. Samuel Miller. For a long time before this services were held frequently in this section. The first services were likely conducted by the Rev. Henry Koch. The church was dedicated May 31st, 1857.

The following pastors have served:

Rev. Samuel Miller.....	1845—1849
Rev. L. D. Leberman.....	1849—1850
Rev. Samuel Miller.....	1850—1852
Rev. H. F. Hartman.....	1852—1856
Rev. Abner Dale.....	1856—1860

Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.....	1860—1865
Rev. J. S. Shade.....	1865—1869
Rev. Abner Dale.....	1870—1875
Rev. J. Hannaberry.....	1875—1879
Rev. J. W. Alspach.....	1879—1886
Rev. H. H. Sandoe.....	1887—1888
Rev. H. S. Garner.....	1888—1896
Rev. C. F. Althouse.....	1897—1902
Rev. A. H. Ginder.....	1902—1904
Rev. E. H. Laubach.....	1905—1907
Rev. C. B. Rebert.....	1907—1911
Rev. F. M. Shultz.....	1911—1913
Rev. E. M. Adair.....	1914—1915
Rev. S. A. Stamm.....	1915—

The present members of the consistory are:

Elders: J. M. Byers, E. J. Shakely, J. L. Ellenberger, and M. A. Carpenter; Deacons: M. D. Snow, H. F. Bartoe, E. J. Delaney, Walter Ellenberger, Miles Shakely, and Pierce Shakely. The church membership is 88.

GRACE CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

In 1853 Mrs. Wm. E. Schmertz whose father, the Rev. David Kemerer, had been pastor of the German Sixth and Smithfield congregation, wrote to Dr. Henry Harbaugh. She invited him to come to Pittsburgh and confer with some persons in regard to organizing an English Reformed church. Dr. Harbaugh spent two weeks in Pittsburgh. The first Lord's Day he preached in the Third Presbyterian church. The second Lord's Day he preached in the First English Lutheran church. Numerous conferences were held on the week days. It was decided to organize a congregation.

The Rev. George B. Russell was commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to be the pastor of the new organization. The organization was effected May 14th, 1854. The seven charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Schmertz, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Rahauser, Mr. and Mrs. John Mish, and Mr. D. S. Dieffenbacher. The names of the first officers: Elders: G. F. Rahauser, and T.

P. Hackett; Deacons: W. E. Schmertz and D. S. Dieffenbacher.

For two years the services were held in a hall at the corner of Smithfield St., and Oliver Avenue. In 1856,



OLD GRACE REFD. CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

a plot of ground was purchased for \$5,000 at the corner of Grant St., and Webster Avenue, and a church was erected at a cost of \$16,000. The congregation raised \$10,000 and the church at large contributed \$6,000. The dedication of the church took place on the second Lord's

Day in Dec., 1857. The following ministers, together with Pastor Russell, took part in the dedicatory services: Revs. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., D. Zacharias, D. D., and M. Kieffer, D. D.

In 1901 the congregation purchased a plot of ground at the corner of Dithridge and Bayard Sts., for \$14,000. The church property at Grant St., and Webster Ave., was sold for \$50,000.



NEW GRACE REFD. CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

The present beautiful edifice was erected in 1903. The church, with its furnishings and memorials, together with the ground, is estimated to have cost \$125,000. The following clergymen were present at the dedication: Revs. Drs. George W. Richards, P. C. Prugh, John H. Sechler and Revs. A. V. Casselman, and J. Grant Walter.

The following pastors have served:

Rev. George B. Russell, D. D.....	1854—1862
Rev. E. E. Higbee, D. D.....	1862—1865
Rev. John H. Wagner.....	1865—1870
Rev. T. J. Barkley, D. D.....	1870—1879
Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D.....	1880—1915
Rev. W. Sherman Kerschner (Ass't)....	1914—1915
Rev. F. C. Nau, D. D.	1916—

The General Synod of the Reformed church was organized in Grace church, Nov. 18th, 1863; Pittsburgh Synod was organized in this church Feb. 11th, 1870; the First Hungarian church of the Protestant faith in America was established in this congregation's church in 1890, services being held for one year; the remaining indebtedness of \$28,000 was paid on Easter Sunday, 1920; Dr. J. M. Schick was educated for the ministry by this congregation; in 1919, a gift of \$13,300 was given to St. Paul's Orphans' Home by Mrs. Peter Keil.

The present membership is 347. The present officers are: Elders: J. E. Ash, L. A. Meyran, W. H. Corle, T. W. D. Hieber, and J. H. Hollinger; Deacons: W. E. Schmertz, F. E. Freese, W. A. Caven, E. N. Prugh, E. F. Hays, W. R. Work, W. S. Linderman, H. S. Bair, J. F. Edwards, and A. W. Tosh.

WILLIAM ERWIN SCHMERTZ

William Erwin, son of Christian and Caroline (Von Westphalen) Schmertz, was born in Driberg, Germany, May 4th, 1826. The family came to this country in 1830 and settled in Pittsburgh. Mr. Schmertz married Amelia, daughter of the Rev. David Kemerer, D. D. He died July 13th, 1893.

THOMAS J. CRAIG

Thomas J., son of Thomas and Margaret (Geddis) Craig, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 12th, 1830. The Craig family attended the Second United Presbyterian church which then stood where the Nixon Theatre now is. One Sunday evening with some companions, young

Mr. Craig dropped in on a service conducted by Rev. G. B. Russell. The pastor gave out a hymn. He started it himself on the wrong key. He hesitated and then tried again. He was assisted by a clear, rich, high voice which easily carried the soprano part. When the next hymn was given out, the pastor simply nodded to the unknown visitor and the hymn was led splendidly. At the close of the service the pastor thanked the young man for his help. A life-long friendship was formed. In 1856 Mr. Craig united with Grace church. Just before Grace church was dedicated Mr. Craig and Miss Mary Anderson were pronounced husband and wife in the main auditorium. This was on Sept. 15th, 1857. Mr. Craig served as elder for many years. He frequently attended Synod. From 1863 to 1884, Elder Craig attended all the triennial meetings of General Synod. He served on the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home for a number of years. He was a member of the Board of Foreign Missions; treasurer of Pittsburg Synod from its organization for a period of fifteen years; and member of the Peace Commission in 1879. His earthly life came to a close Jan. 10th, 1887.

ST. MARK'S MEMORIAL, PITTSBURGH, PA.

This congregation is located in the East Liberty district. The Reformed denomination in this section dates back to the year 1870. The St. James' congregation—for years an independent one—was admitted to Pittsburgh Synod. The church and parsonage and school were located on Aurelia St. The following pastors served this congregation: Revs. J. Voegelin, F. C. Trappe, F. K. Levan, I. C. Mueller, G. W. Muelder, C. Borchers, and G. A. Massalsky. The congregation passed out of existence about the year 1878. The buildings are still standing.

In Oct., 1872, it was thought advisable to organize an English congregation in this district. The property of the East Liberty Academy Association on the corner of Highland Ave., and Kirkwood Street, had been damaged

by fire. This lot 40x70 feet with the ruined building was purchased for one thousand dollars. The building was put in repair. On the first Lord's Day in Jan., 1873, the first service was held in a hall on Penn Ave. This service was attended by seventeen persons. On March 30th, 1873, a formal organization was effected. The name assumed was that of Zion's Reformed Church.



ST. MARK'S MEMORIAL REFD. CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

This congregation dedicated its House of Worship on June 1st, 1873. The organizer, the Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D., was now the pastor. He was assisted at the dedication by Revs. J. A. Hoffheins and T. F. Stauffer. The cost of the church was \$4,519.86.

The congregation has had the following pastors:

Rev. G. B. Russel, D. D.	1873—1875
Rev. H. D. Darbaker	1876—1878
Rev. J. W. Knappenberger	1879—1883
Rev. Milton F. Frank	1884—1885
Rev. J. W. Miller	1886—1889

A meeting of the consistory was held Sept. 2d, 1889. These paragraphs are recorded: "On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay \$13.02 interest on mortgage from Nov. 2d, 1888 to Nov. 2d, 1889." "On motion the Trustees decided to close the church until further action." The final meeting of this body was held on Dec. 10th, 1890. Certificates of dismissal were granted to seventy-nine members. Bills to the amount of \$259.75 were paid. An order was then granted to the Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions for \$3,156.02, the balance in the hands of the treasurer of the congregation. At this meeting E. W. Marshall was president of the consistory and W. P. Rugh the secretary. The members of the consistory at this time were: Elders: E. W. Marshall and A. B. Goewey; Deacons: John L. Fundis and Peter Franzmann.

On Dec. 22d, 1890 a meeting of prospective members of St. Mark's Memorial congregation was held in the church. Elder J. M. Conroy presided and Charles F. Wells was secretary. Thirty-seven people entered the organization. The first communion was held in March, 1891. The following officers were elected: Elders: G. F. Rahausen and A. B. Goewey; Deacons: Paul C. Wolff, H. G. Hugus, C. M. Wolff and A. M. Voigt.

On Highland Ave., at Howard St., just two squares north of the site of Zion's church, a beautiful stone church, with frame chapel on the rear of the lot was built by B. Wolff, Jr. The marble tablet in the church bears this inscription: "This building devoted to the worship of Almighty God, was erected by B. Wolff, Jr., as a memorial to his brother Christian H. Wolff, born Apr. 6th, 1915, and died Feb. 28th, 1887."

The corner stone of this church was laid Oct. 31st, 1889. The Revs. J. H. Prugh, D. D., and James S. Freeman were in charge of this service. The church was dedicated Dec. 22d, 1890. The ministers in charge of the dedicatory service were Revs. C. J. Musser and A. E. Truxal, D. D. This property is at present valued at \$75,000. During the thirty years of its existence St. Mark's

Memorial church has raised \$31,801 for Benevolence and \$80,131 for congregational purposes.

The following pastors have served this congregation:

Rev. C. J. Musser.....	Apr. to Sept. 1891
Rev. A. M. Schmidt.....	1892—1896
Rev. J. G. Walter.....	1897—1904
Rev. J. H. Deatrich.....	1905—1911
Rev. W. H. Tussing.....	1912—1916
Rev. H. H. Wiant.....	1917—

The present membership is 117. The present consistory is: Elders: S. L. Allen, J. A. Lemmon and Edwin Johnson; Deacons: F. W. Schultz, R. E. Zimmerman, Henry Leffler, H. J. Buchheit, J. Davis Allen, B. H. Rodeniser, W. C. Strock, J. A. Reamer, H. W. Kurtz, and H. H. Allebach.

BERNARD WOLFF, JR.

Bernard Wolff, Jr., who built the St. Mark's Memorial church, was born in Chambersburg, Pa., in 1828 and came to Pittsburgh in 1845. Mr. Wolff was greatly interested in the building of old Grace Church. Soon after the organization of the congregation, he became a member. He was perhaps the first organist in Grace church, and was always present at the mid-week service to preside at the organ. For a number of years he served faithfully as a deacon in Grace church. Mr. Wolff was a man of splendid life and noble character. His personality was most refined and charming. He was intensely interested in the work of the Kingdom and was ever loyal and devoted to his own denomination. Modesty prevented him from consenting to be elected to the responsible office of elder. The Orphan cause was very dear to his heart. For a number of years he was a member of the board of directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home. He was treasurer of this board for a long period. It was while he was at work on the Orphan Home reports that he was stricken. Mr. Wolff went home to God April 23d, 1901.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

THE HUNGARIAN CLASSIS

By Alex. Harsanyi, Ph.D., Assisted by Rev. Alex. Kalassay

The feeling of organization is greatly developed in the people of the Hungarian Reformed faith. It was this spirit which induced the Hungarian ministers who appeared at the first conference held in Pittsburgh on Jan. 10th, 1896, to take the proper steps to organize a classis. Those present at this conference were Frank Ferency, Alexander Harsanyi, Bertalan Demeter, Gustav Juranyi, Alexander Kalassay and with the consent of Gabriel Dokus, who was unable to be present, requested the Board of Home Missions to permit some sort of organization of the Hungarian congregations, in order to insure uniform functioning.

This organization forms the basis of the present Hungarian Classis.

The Hungarian ministers, and congregations were fully aware of the fact that the organization was not official and for this reason congregations of New York, Bridgeport, and South Norwalk, taking as their guide the law book of the Reformed Church in the United States, requested the New York German Classis to give them leave to organize a Hungarian Classis. The Classis granted this request, but the German Synod of the East, upon the motion of Dr. Volmer, appealed the decision of the Classis to the General Synod in order that they might ascertain whether a Hungarian Classis may be organized or not.

The question was discussed at the Synod held at Tiffin, Ohio, and this Synod referred the question back to the different classes. The vote of the classes made the functioning of one or more Hungarian classes possible. The

Baltimore Synod expressly stated that one or more Hungarian classes may be organized within the confines of the Reformed Church.

The meeting of the organization took place Dec. 12th, 1905, in the Hungarian Reformed Church of Pittsburgh. The following were present at this meeting:

1. Rev. D. A. Souders, representative of the Board of Home Missions, and the Pittsburgh Synod.
2. Rev. Alex. Csutoros, from the First Church of Cleveland, Ohio.
3. Rev. John Kovach, and Stephen Molnar, of Toledo, Ohio.
4. Rev. Alex. Harsanyi, and Stephen Jurcsó, of Homestead, Pa.
5. Rev. Stephen Virag, of Trenton, N. J.
6. Rev. Alex. Ludman and Geza Szeghi, of Lorain, Ohio.
7. Rev. Stephen M. Kovachy and Andrew Bardos, of Dillonvale, Ohio.
8. Rev. Endre Kovach and John Pelsoczy, of Johnstown, Pa.
9. Rev. Alex. Kalassay, and Andrew Hornyak, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The meeting was begun by a prayer by Alex Kalassay. Rev. Souders then assured those present at the meeting that the Reformed Church is gratified by the work of organization, and sees in this work, a firm basis for labor in the future.

Those present being duly elected members stated that they then and there organize the Hungarian Classis, and at the same time note that the congregations of South Chicago, Eleanor and South Bend, also wish to join the Classis.

The following were elected as the first executives of the classis:

- Rev. Alex. Csutoros, President.
- Andrew Hornyak, Vice President.
- Rev. Alex. Ludman, Stated Clerk.
- Rev. Alex. Harsanyi, Treasurer.

The name of the classis became the "Hungarian Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States." This classis has belonged to the Pittsburgh Synod, ever since its organization.

The second meeting of the classis was held in Cleveland, Ohio, in the church of the First Hungarian Reformed Congregation. On the evening of June 11th, 1906, services were held when Rev. Alex. Vajo, of Trenton, N. J., preached. The meeting was begun at nine o'clock the next day, the 12th, when the president Alex. Csutoros, prayed. At this meeting there were present the pastor and the representative of the newly organized congregation of Dayton, Ohio, and the pastor of the Eleanor, Punxsutawney, Pa., congregation.

There were no changes made in the executives of the classis at this meeting.

The classis held an extraordinary meeting in Dillonvale, on Aug. 7th, of the same year. Those present at this meeting discussed the questions arising concerning the Sunday Schools, and the scholars, and gave instructions to Alex. Csutoros, and Alex. Kalassay who were departing to Budapest for the unveiling of the Washington monument.

The third regular meeting of the classis was held at Homestead on Apr. 23d, and 24th. On the evening of the 23d divine services were held when Alex. Csutoros prayed, and Alex. Ludman preached.

The meeting on the 24th began with prayer by the Rev. A. Csutoros. On this occasion the South Norwalk and West Cleveland congregations joined the classis.

On this occasion Alex. Kalassay was elected president, Joseph Tomcsanyi, vice president, Stephan Virag, stated clerk, and Alex. Harsanyi, treasurer.

The classis held four extraordinary meetings from Apr. 23d, 1907, until June 11th, 1908, which were made necessary by the work of the Reformed Church in Hungary among the Hungarian Americans.

In 1908, in consideration of the great burdens upon the congregation, the Pittsburgh congregation and their pas-

tor were permitted to leave the classis. At the meeting held in Johnstown, Pa., Alex. Csutoros became president, and the other executives remained unchanged.

A new chapter begins in the history of the Hungarian Classis and in the spiritual and church life of the Hungarian Reformed people in this country, with the intervention of the Reformed Church of Hungary.

For almost fifteen years our Home Mission Board had operated undisturbedly and very successfully among the Hungarian Protestants, having organized during this time eighteen Hungarian Missions and having spent considerable money on traveling expenses and salaries of ministers, who have been called from Hungary to minister to the spiritual needs of their countrymen. In 1904 the Coventus of Hungary decided to send out one of its representatives, Count Joseph Degenfeld, to make a personal visit to all the established Hungarian congregations in America and, if possible, to induce them to sever their connection with the Reformed Church in the United States and to connect themselves with the church authorities in Hungary.

Count Degenfeld's mission was only partly successful, to the great disappointment of the ecclesiastical and government officials of Hungary. On his first visit in Apr., 1904, none of the ministers and congregations showed any inclination to accept unreservedly the propositions as offered to them by Count Degenfeld.

In Oct., of the same year, the Count came again to the United States with more decisive instructions, which were to the effect, that he should by all means organize officially a classis, in connection with and under the authority of the Coventus of Hungary.

Ministers in this classis were to be supported by the Coventus, the congregations to receive a cash gift of Five Hundred Dollars, and all churches joining the national church organization were to receive financial help in paying their debts to the Board of Home Missions.

Six ministers and their congregations were willing this time to enter the new organization. The greater part

of the missionaries and their congregations, however, remained loyal to the denomination, which so tenderly and lovingly took care of their spiritual needs, when the mother church in Hungary forgot to think of and pray for its children, who were struggling in the new world.

While nobody would deny the right of the Conventus of Hungary to extend her spiritual care over her children living in the United States, yet the ways and methods as followed by her, and the aims she sought to attain, provoked the sensitiveness of the members of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. They protested vigorously in official letters to the Conventus. The reply to every one of the communications was, that the Reformed Church in Hungary feels herself now strong enough to take care of her children living in the United States, and that the Conventus is very willing to have peace with the Reformed Church in the United States, provided the latter denomination will unconditionally release her hold upon the Magyar Reformed people in the United States.

Thus in time the number of the ministers and congregations who affiliated themselves with the so-called National Hungarian Reformed Church of America, a new denomination in this country, which, however, was to be regarded as an integral part of the body of the Reformed Church of Hungary, being under the direct management of the Conventus, grew from six to twenty-four, while the number of the missions which remained loyal to the Reformed Church in the United States has been reduced to fourteen.

Most of the missionaries who had been under the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States remained under the Board and declined to sever their connection with the church in America, with which they had associated themselves. The national Hungarian Church brought a number of ministers from Hungary who were naturally attached to the home church, and who labored to carry out the purposes of the Conventus, to

have all Hungarian congregations in the United States come under its control.

At the meeting held in Trenton, N. J., Apr. 14th, 1904, six ministers and their congregations went into the new organization; viz: Rev. Zoltan Kuthy, New York, N. Y., Rev. Ernest Komjathy, Bridgeport, Conn.; Rev. Lad. Beroczky, Phoenixville, Conn.; Alex Vago, Woodbridge, N. J.; Bela Kovacs, Johnstown, Pa., and Elemer Kuthy, Passaic, N. J.

In 1905 a second representative of the Conventus, Prof. Gesa Antal, came to America to complete the work of Count Degenfeld, but he seems to have concluded that the interests of the Hungarian Protestants in the United States would be best served by remaining in the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches.

In 1906 a third representative of the Conventus, appeared in the person of Prof. Lad Bede, but he failed to establish an understanding with the Reformed Church in the United States in harmony with the views of the Conventus, that all Hungarian ministers and congregations should be placed under the control of the Conventus. This work has been kept up for a number of years. The Conventus spent several hundred thousand dollars of their own government funds on the work in America and would no doubt have spent more had not the World War occurred. A number of ministers and congregations seem to have united with the new organization under the pressure of heavy church debts in order to obtain financial relief and, in some cases, at least, to save their church properties. Since conditions have changed as to support from the mother country negotiations have been entered into for the return of the Hungarian pastors and congregations to the Reformed Church in the United States.

Some Hungarian congregations and pastors in America are members of the Presbyterian Church. Others prefer to hold their membership in the German or English Classes of the Reformed Church in whose bounds they are located. The Hungarian Church at Uniontown, in Fayette County, Pa., is an example. This congregation and

its pastor, Rev. Andor Harsanyi, are members of Westmoreland Classis. For this reason the Hungarian Classis of Pittsburgh Synod has never been very strong. It is the smallest classis in the Synod.

This sentence occurs in the report on the state of the church in 1906: "With pleasure, we welcome the new classis to this Synod and pray that God's choicest blessings may rest upon our Hungarian brethren and their work."

*Time, Place of Meeting and Officers of the
Hungarian Classis*

After the General Synod, at Baltimore, Md., had granted the request of the Hungarian ministers to organize a Hungarian Classis within the bounds of Pittsburgh Synod a preliminary meeting of these ministers was held in Pittsburgh, Dec. 12th, 1905, when the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Alex. Csutoros, of Cleveland, Ohio; Secretary, Rev. Alex. Ludman, of Lorain, O. A committee was appointed to prepare a constitution for the classis.

The first annual meeting of the classis was held just six months later, namely on the 12th day of June, 1906, at Cleveland, Ohio, Pres. Alex. Csutoros opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. D. A. Souders, D. D., Supt. of Missions, was present, also representatives from Dayton, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pa., Trenton, N. J., Punxsutawney, Pa., Homestead, Pa., Toledo, Ohio, and Lorain, Ohio. The former officers were elected.

OFFICERS OF HUNGARIAN CLASSIS

Year	Place	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1906	Cleveland, Ohio	Rev. Alex. Csutoros.....	Rev. Alex. Ludman.....	
1908	Johnstown, Pa.	Rev. Alex. Csutoros.....	Rev. Steve Virag.....	Alex. Harsanyi
1909	Homestead, Pa.	Rev. Steve Virag.....	Rev. Andrew Kovacs.....	Alex. Harsanyi
1911	Lorain, Ohio	Rev. Steve Virag.....	Rev. Andrew Kovacs.....	Alex. Harsanyi
1912	Dillonvale, Ohio	Rev. Alex. Harsanyi.....	Rev. Ernest Porzsolt.....	Rev. A. Radacsy
1913	Homestead, Pa.	Rev. Alex. Harsanyi.....	Rev. Ernest Porzsolt.....	Rev. A. Radacsy
1914	Homestead, Pa.	Rev. Alex. Harsanyi.....	Rev. Ernest Porzsolt.....	Rev. A. Radacsy
1916	Lorain, Ohio	Rev. Stephan Virag.....	Rev. Sam Horvath.....	Rev. Gabriel Dokus
1917	Akron, Ohio	Rev. Andrew Kovacs.....	Rev. Sam Horvath.....	Rev. Arpad Bakay
1918	Johnstown, Pa.	Rev. Andrew Kovacs.....	Rev. Sam Horvath.....	Rev. Arpad Bakay
1919	Homestead, Pa.	Rev. Sam. Horvath.....	Rev. Arpad Bakay.....	Rev. Andrew Kovacs
1920	Lorain, Ohio	Rev. Sam. Horvath.....	Rev. Arpad Bakay.....	Rev. Andrew Kovacs

STATISTICS FOR 1906

MINISTERS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NAMES OF CHARGE OR CONGREGATION	Congregations	Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate of Renewal of Prof.	Dismissed	Excom.	Erasure of Names	Deaths of Communicants	Deaths of Unconfirmed	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Leaders	No. of Scholars	Students for the Ministry	Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Alex Csutoros		2854 9th St.,	S. E. Cleveland, O.	1	500	500	230	141	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	391	27	36	1	8	75	1	\$ 35.00	\$ 6162.61
Stephen Virag		784 River St.	Dayton, O.	1	70	70	25	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	25	.....	.....	540.00
Stephen M. Kovachy		Box 744	Dillonvale, O.	1	75	75	80	30	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	9	.....	.....	6243.18
Alex Radacsy		Punksutawney	Eleanor, Rositer & Vic.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Andrew Kovacs		824 Ninth Ave	Johnstown, Pa	1	157	157	207	16	2	3	11	5	3	1	2	24	35.62	1328.83
Alex Harsanyi		1008 Tenth Ave.	Homestead, Pa.	1	200	200	35	53	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	1	1	25	.....	25.00	5053.80
Alex Ludman		164 Globe St.	Lorain, O.	1	112	112	38	24	5	2	.....	.....	.....	5	1	15	1	3	30	.....	62.90	1760.21
Alex. Kalassay		Johnson Ave.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1	196	190	400	95	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	23	1	3	35	.....	1169.22	4777.00
John Kovacs		2118 Genesee St.	Toledo, O.	1	157	157	80	25	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	4	13	1	1	27	.....	112.55	2320.09
Alex Vago		180 Howe Ave.	Trenton, N. J.	1	240	240	40	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	1	1	35	.....	474.07
				10	1701	1701	1135	411	2	117	2	11	.....	452	63	115	9	2	285	1	\$1440.29	\$28655.61

STATISTICS FOR 1916

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NAME OF CHARGE OR CONGREGATION	Communicants			ADDITIONS			LOSSES			S. S.		Students for Ministry	CONTRIBUTIONS					
			Communed	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	By Certificate	Renewal of Prof.	Dismissed	Names Erased	Deaths, Communicants	Deaths, Unconfirmed		No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, Home Dept. and Cradle Roll Inc.	Members of Y. P. S.	Benevolence	Congregational Purposes
Andrew Kovacs...	1424 Blaine St., Dayton, O.	First Magyar	102	102	47	80	8	1	1	61	61	1	21	53	1	1	15	1	225.00	\$1643.00
Gabriel Dokus, Jr.	P.O. Box 73, Dillonvale, O.	First Magyar	50	50	35	39	1	1	1	10	21	1	1	15	1	1	15	1	465.00	
Alex Harsanyi	1008 10th Av., Homestead, Pa.	First Reformed	200	400	50	89	1	14	1	18	14	1	5	60	1	225.00	1250.00			
Ernest Porzolt	824 9th Av., Johnstown, Pa.	First Reformed	131	191	50	89	6	1	1	41	7	21	26	1	30.00	1394.00				
Stephen Virag	3036 Globe St., Lorain, O.	First Reformed	200	200	75	66	15	1	1	7	13	3	2	75	35	150.00	1729.00			
Gabriel Dokus	21 Lexington Av., S. Norwalk, C.	Magyar Reformed	250	250	185	35	24	1	21	15	4	5	1	16	175	125.00	2229.00			
Samuel Horvath	Y.M.C.A. Bldg., Akron, O.	First Reformed	110	110	27	30	2	3	1	6	6	3	1	2	47	75.00	666.00			
Ministers, 7.	Charges, 7.	Congregations, 7.	1013	1303	149	328	1	69	3	21	21	55	50	10	30	351	35	2	\$675.00	\$9379.00

STATISTICS FOR 1920

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NAME OF CHARGE OR CONGREGATION	MEMBERS			BAPTISMS	ADDITIONS			LOSSES			S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS						
			Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed		Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	By Certificate	By Renewal of Prof.	Dismissed	Names Erased	Deaths, Unconfirmed	No. of Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars, Home Department and Grade Roll Inc.	Members of Young People's Societies	Students for Ministry	For Home Missions	For Education	For Other Benevo- lences	For Congregational Purposes
Arpad Bakay	860 Coburn St., Akron, O.	Hungarian Mission	2	115	115	60	40	11	11	11	1	6	11	5	1	4	60	10	\$ 72.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 381
Andrew Kovacs	1424 Blain St., Dayton, O.	First Magyar Refd.	1	186	185	1	28	11	11	11	1	15	3	1	5	84	50	95.00		77.75	433	
Ernest Porzsolt	827 9th Ave., Johnstown, Pa.	Magyar Refd. Church	1	116	116	50	39	8	8	8	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	75.00			337	
Alex. Harsanyi	1008 10th Av., Homestead, Pa.	First Hungarian Ch.	1	250	250	50	68	28	28	40	18	20	1	3	65	108	108	108.00		338 00	775	
Samuel Horvath	3036 Globe Ave., Lorain	Reformed Church	1	250	250	85	58	30	30	1	10	11	6	1	4	135	54	1 100.00			433	
Gabriel Dokus	21 Lexington Av., S. Norwalk	Hungarian Refd. Ch.	1	169	169	150	39	20	25	25	25	25	2	8	1	15	180	40	2 96.00	\$40 00	57 4	
			7	1077	1076	396	272	108	25	1	57	31	63	24	6	82	521	154	3 \$546 00	\$40.00	75 18	\$2901

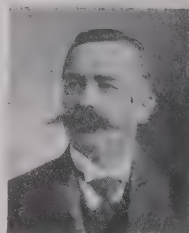
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

ARPAD BAKAY

Rev. Arpad Bakay, son of Joseph and Rose Bakay, was born in Hungary, April 16th, 1889; educated in a Gymnasium in Hungary, Heidelberg University at Tiffin, O., and at Central and the Eastern Theological Seminaries; licensed and ordained by the Hungarian Classis, May 16th, 1916. Pastorates: Assistant pastor at Homestead, Pa., four months; Gary, Ind., four months; Akron, Ohio, since Jan., 1917. Rev. Mr. Backay was married to Miss Lulu M. Tomcsanya. The children are Archie and Lulu.

GABRIEL DOKUS

Gabriel Dokus, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Dokus, was born in Hungary, Sept. 4th, 1865; educated at Sarospatak, Hungary; ordained by New York Classis, Dec. 9th, 1894: committee: Frank Ferenczi and Gaspar Bruner. He has been pastor at South Norwalk, Conn., since his ordination. Married to Miss Bertha Kvancz, Jan. 23d, 1888. Six children: Rev. Gabriel, Jr., Stephen, Julius, Mrs. Bertha Horvath, wife of Rev. Samuel Horvath, Alexander, theological student, and Elizabeth Dokus.



ALEX. HARSANYI



The Harsanyi family is one of the oldest Protestant families in Hungary. Stephan Harsanyi, a great protestant preacher some three hundred years ago in Hungary, was one of the forty-one unfortunate Hungarian Reformed pastors who were bound to galleys and sent to Naples by the bigoted and persecuting Catholic bishops of Hungary. He was released by Admiral De Ruyter in 1876.

Rev. Alex. Harsanyi, Ph.D., Homestead, Pa., was born in Turkeve, Hungary, on the 16th of Dec., 1870. The town has a population of thirteen thousands souls, over twelve thousand of them being members of the Reformed church. This congregation is served by only two pastors, one of them being the father of Alex Harsanyi, of Homestead, Pa. Father Alex. Harsanyi has been serving the Turkeve congregation for the last fifty-three years. He is now eighty-eight years old and in perfect health. Mother Harsanyi's maiden name was Margarite Wass. She is living yet and though seventy-five years old, does all the work around the parsonage alone. The old couple suffered much during the world war. They had to sleep out in the fields and in cellars in order to save their lives, when the Rumanians pillaged the town. Father Harsanyi and his wife had twelve children. The boys were all educated for the ministry, with the exception of one, and the girls, all except one, married ministers.

Alexander is the oldest son in the family. At the present time three Harsanyi boys are serving in America as ministers; Alex., in Homestead, Pa.; his son, Andor, in Uniontown, Pa., and Ladislaus, in New York City, and a sister of Rev. Harsanyi, Mrs. Helen Hetey, is employed as Deaconess. Rev. Stephan Harsanyi, another faithful minister of the church, died ten years ago, as pastor of the large Bridgeport, Conn., Hungarian congregation.

Rev. Alex. Harsanyi was educated in the old college and seminary at Debrecin, which is an orthodox theological school. The city is the great Calvinist center in Hungary, seat of the Synod, and permanent place of the Bishop.

Rev. Harsanyi was licensed by this Synod in Hungary, in 1894, when he was recommended by his professors to the Home Mission Board of the Reformed Church of the United States for the vacant charge at Cleveland, Ohio. He arrived in the United States on the 4th day of Nov., 1894, and has been in the service of the Home Mission Board ever since. He is the oldest Hungarian Protestant

minister in this country and one of the oldest ministers under the Board.

He was ordained by Erie Classis, Ohio Synod, at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 9th day of Dec., 1894, Rev. F. Shaad, and Rev. J. H. Roentgen, officiating.

Rev. Harsanyi served the Hungarian congregation in Cleveland, Ohio, from Nov. 4th, 1894, to Feb. 1st, 1898. In Feb., 1898, he was sent by the Board to South Chicago, Ill., to organize the congregation there. On the 3d day of Aug., in this year, he married Miss Emma Charlotte Schmidt, of Detroit, Mich. They have one son, Andor, who is pastor of the Uniontown, Pa., Hungarian congregation.

Rev. Harsanyi is the author of a dozen or more religious books, tracts and pamphlets. He translated into the Hungarian language the By-Laws of the Reformed Church in the United States, wrote the History of the Reformed Church in the United States, which book was published with the help of Pittsburgh Synod. He prepared the by-lingual English Hungarian Catechism, which has had eight editions so far. Rev. Harsanyi also wrote the first Hungarian Temperance book, entitled: "*Be Sober, and the Wine Question in the Bible.*"

Since 1917 he is the editor of the Hungarian American Presbyterian and Reformed church paper, which is owned and published jointly by the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work of the Presbyterian Church and the Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church in the United States. He has been pastor of the Homestead, Pa., Hungarian congregation since its organization in May 25th, 1903, serving this congregation for more than seventeen years.

STEPHAN M. KOVACHY

Stephan M. Kovachy, was born in Veszprem, Hungary, and studied for and practiced law for several years. He was a member of the Hungarian Parliament. In 1893 he

emigrated with his family, wife and eight children, to the United States. In 1902 he began to study theology, and decided to devote his remaining years to the Lord's cause. He went back to Hungary and with a special permit from the Conventus, was permitted to be examined and licensed by the Theological professors at the Theological Seminary of Papa. With the recommendation of the Conventus, he was commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to take charge of the new congregation at Dillonvale, Ohio, on the first day of Apr., 1903. Here he worked for two and one-half years, built a good church, parsonage, etc. He served all the adjacent Hungarian colonies: Crescent, Maynard, Batton and Martins Ferry.

In 1905 he received a call from the Hungarian congregation at South Chicago, Ill., where he preached for more than three years.

SAMUEL HORVATH

Samuel Horvath, son of Gabriel and Susan Ivan Horvath, was born Sept. 3d, 1887, at Tarcas, Hungary, received preliminary education in the Hungarian College of H. Nanas, in America at Mercersburg Academy, Bloomfield Theological Seminary, and Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; licensed and ordained by the Hungarian Classis of the Pittsburgh Synod: committee of examination, Revs. D. A. Souders, D. D., Ernest Porzolt and Alex. Radacsy: committee of ordination, at Bridgeport, Conn.; Revs. D. A. Souders, D. D., Gabriel Dokus and Alex. Ludman. Pastorates: Akron, Ohio, 1914-1916; Lorain, Ohio, 1916..... Married to Miss Bertha Dokus, Jan. 16th, 1918. One child, Theodore Samuel Horvath.



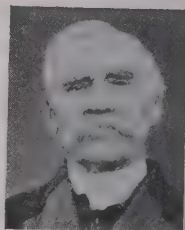
ANDREW KOVACS



Andrew Kovacs, son of Andrew and Susan (Antal) Kovacs, was born in Sajo Kara, Hungary, Oct. 25th, 1862; educated at Sarospatak, Hungary; licensed in June, 1888, by Sarospatak Classis; ordained Sept. 18th, 1892, Bertalan Kun, Superintendent and Julius Mitrovics, Stated Clerk. Pastorates: Szin, Hungary, 1893-1898; Johnstown, Pa., 1905-1907. Married Jan. 21st, 1904, at Bridgeport, Conn., to Miss Lydia Deak. One adopted child.

JOHN UJLAKY

Rev. Ujlaky is the oldest Hungarian minister in this country. He was born seventy years ago in Hungary, and came to the United States in 1903. He is a remarkably active and indefatigable worker in the vineyard of our Lord. When he served the Dillonvale, Ohio, Mission, a few years ago notwithstanding his advanced age, he often walked miles on Sunday in order to hold services at the different mining places. In Hungary he studied in the old college and seminary at Sarospatak. After his ordination he was, for a time, assistant minister, and was elected pastor later in a little town, called Lasztomer, where he preached for thirty years to a bilingual congregation, in the Hungarian and Slavish languages.



At Mt. Carmel, he received a call from the congregation at Alpha, N. J., where he preached for two years. The following year he was transferred by the Presbyterian Board to Norton, Va., where he also built a church for the Hungarians. From here he went to Stanford, Miss., for a short time. In 1917 our Board commissioned him

to take up the work at Dillonvale, Ohio. This congregation was organized in 1904, by Rev. Stephan M. Kovachy. From here he attended to the spiritual needs of hundreds of Hungarian miners, living in Adena, Cresent, Barton, Herrick, Tiltonville, Connersville, Steubenville, Martins Ferry, etc. He traveled thousands of miles during the few years he was in the Dillonvale charge. In 1918 the Board transferred him to Martins Ferry, Ohio, because most of the Hungarians who lived in and around Dillonvale, left the place and there was no need of the ministers living there any longer. Here he received an invitation from the new Hungarian Presbyterian congregation of Davistown, Pa., which he has accepted with the consent of Dr. D. A. Souders, Supt. of Home Missions.

SKETCHES OF HUNGARIAN CONGREGATIONS

THE REFORMED HUNGARIAN MISSION OF AKRON, OHIO

The Reformed Hungarian Mission of Akron, Ohio, was organized by Rev. Samuel Horvath in July, 1914. Among the charter members were John Boda and Frank Vigso. The first consistory was: Frank Vigso, Joseph Vajdso, John Boda, John Roesid, Frank Nagy and John Puike. A church was bought from the Lutherans in July, 1914, for \$7500. The pastors were: Rev. Samuel Horvath, 1913-1916; Rev. Arpad Bakay, 1916..... The present number of members is 100. A parsonage was bought, and the Fifth Anniversary of the dedication of the buildings was observed in 1920. The present consistory is: Louis Gaisa, Emanuel Fijore, Michael Babinoriki, John Nagy, Alex Toth, Dan. Gergely, Stephen Apostle, Jozsef Baksa, Andrew Baliza, Louis Ferentry, Jozsef Hedervany, John Purke, Louis Purkai and John Rabados.

FIRST MAGYAR REFORMED CHURCH, DAYTON, OHIO

This congregation was organized by Rev. Stephan Virag in 1905. The first consistory was composed of: John A. Herchig, John B. Horsik, Paul Demeter, Andrew Szabo, Paul Darabos, Jos. G. Demeter, Andrew Demeter, John Sipos, Alex Farkas, Ben. Szabo, Julius Rakos, and Paul Cheh. The corner stone of the church was laid Aug. 26th, 1906, the ministers present were: Rev. Wm. A. Hale, D. D., Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Rev. Mr. Vicks, and Rev. Stephan Virag. The church was dedicated Jan. 13th, 1907. The ministers present were: Revs. D. A. Souders, D. D., Alex. Kalassay, Alex Csutoros, Alex. Ludman, John Kovacs, Andrew Kovacs, and Stephen Virag. The cost of the church was \$7,000. The pastors have been: Stephen Virag, 1906-1907; Andrew Kovacs, 1907..... The church was injured by the flood in 1913, and was repaired at a cost of \$887. In 1914 a tower was built costing \$1200 and bells purchased at a cost of \$250.

In 1917 a pipe organ was installed costing \$1300 and the same year a church was bought from the Baptists and remodeled at a cost of \$15000, of which sum, forty members paid \$6000, and the Sunday School bought a chapel organ for \$150. The present number of members is 212. The 1920 consistory is: Jos. Demeter, Andrew Simon, Emery Maar, John Petroci, Michael Simon, Joseph Balars, Alex Csako, Joseph Andrasik, Stephen Veg, John Hanus, Gabor Silai, John Hegediis, Jr., and janitor Louis Toro.

THE HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH, S. NORWALK, CONN.

This congregation was organized by Rev. Gabriel Dokus in 1894. The names of members of the first consistory are: John Lonchak, Martin Czack, Daniel Levai, Joseph Makai, John Kvancz, Joseph Soltesz, Julius Teplitczy, Ladislaus Kantor, James Kaliai and Frank Kovacs.

The first church building was dedicated Mar. 29th, 1896, and cost about \$2000. The second church building was dedicated May 24th, 1911 costing about \$20,000. A number of Hungarian ministers were present on each occasion. Rev. Gabriel Dokus has been pastor since its organization. In 1913 a new parsonage was built beside the present church. A pipe organ has been purchased and is about to be installed at a cost of \$2500.00.

The present number of members is 180. The present consistory is: John Koletar, Andrew Szabo, Stephen Yoczik, Gabriel Kurimai, John Kvancz, Stephen Szocs, Stephen Kvancz, Stephen Jobhagy, Louis Szabo, Paul Tamas, John Foris, Andrew Vadas, Michael Soltesz, Joseph Kiss, Sephan Farkas and Joseph Varga.

FIRST HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH, HOMESTEAD, PA.

This congregation was organized by Rev. Alex. Haranyi, May 25th, 1903. One hundred and ten persons took part in the first communion. The present pastor has served from the organization of the church. The

present number of members is 250. The consistory was: Elders: John Siposs, Jos. Bertha, John Mathe, John Babas, Alex. Lengyel, Bela Mokesay, Michael Pesta, Jos. Tomcsanyi, Geo. Valyisko, John Toth, Daniel Toboz, John Vajda, Louis Bodnar, Chas. Farkas, Ladislaus Polonkay, Frank Szoke, Michael Illes, John Varga, Michael Kanoc, John Vitez, Michael Bulyko and Andrew Gedra, the chief Elder being Steven Jurcso, and the church treasurer Andrew Szinnyei. The president of the consistory is pastor Rev. Harsanyi.

The corner stone of the church was laid June 12th, 1904, and it was dedicated Oct. 30th, 1904. The church cost \$13,000 without the lot and the windows.

The present consistory is: President, Rev. Alex. Harsanyi; chief Elder, Stephen Lengyel; treasurer, Andrew Hudak; secretary, Alex. Bili; second Elder, Imre Czakozy. The Deacons are: John Bulyko, Andr. Sega, John Balla, John Mako, John Csontos, Jos. Timko, Jos. Geczy, John Kovacs, Kalm Kiss, and Bert. Kolysza.

THE HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH, LORAIN, OHIO

This congregation was organized Sept. 7th, 1902, by Rev. Bela Basso.

The prospects for religious work in this field were exceedingly bright. Several hundred Hungarians, mostly Protestants were employed here in the steel industries. The Reformed Church, realizing the great opportunity, helped to care for their spiritual interests. After the organization the first need was a house of worship and an ideal location for a church building was selected. The corner stone of the church was laid Sept. 27th, 1903; the following ministers assisting the pastor, Rev. Bela Basso; Revs. Stephen Harsanyi, Alex. Csutoros and E. C. Young.

The church edifice was completed and the dedication took place Oct. 4th, 1904, and the following ministers assisted the pastor: Alex. Kalassy, Alex. Csurotos, Steph-



HUNGARIAN REFD. CHURCH, LORAIN, OHIO

an Harsanyi, Alex. Ludman, and D. A. Souders, D. D.
The following pastors have served the organization :

Rev. Bela Basso.....	1902—1904
Rev. Alex. Ludman.....	1904—1907
Rev. Stephan Virag.....	1907—1916
Rev. Samuel Horvath.....	1916—

The Reformed church in Lorain, O., is one of the most progressive among the Hungarians. It has 450 members, a Ladies' Society of 130, a Men's Society of 390, and a Young Peoples' Society of 57 members. There are 230

children in the School for Religious Instruction. The congregation celebrated its Tenth and Fifteenth Anniversaries and in 1919 paid its debts in full.

The first consistory was Stephan Cseh, Andrew Istenes, Charles Kosa, and Joseph Medgyesi, Sr. The membership enrolled at the organization was seventy-three.

The consistory elected for 1920 is: Julius Pandy, Stephan Kostrub, Frank Kovats, John Kocka, Joseph Medgyesi, Sr., Stephan Cseh, Louis Farkas, V. Aros, U. G. Toth, J. Jager, L. Pirigyi, Andrew Korka, L. Szanyi, M. Csonka, J. Kosztyu, J. Majoros, John Lorenc, A. Garay, S. Porkolab, Stephan Cseh, Jr., S. Pirigyi, Louis Pandy, M. Balogh, and John Folop.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, (EAST SIDE, FIRST HUNGARIAN CONG.)

Organized in May, 1891, by Rev. Gustav Juranyi, who served till Nov. 4, 1894. From Nov. 4, 1894, to Feb. 1, 1898, the congregation was served by Rev. Alex. Harsanyi. After him came Rev. Bert Demeter, who served the congregation for only a few months. Then came Rev. Alex. Csutoros, who for 13 years was in charge of the mission. In 1911 Rev. Csutoros having received a call from a church in Hungary, left the congregation. He was followed by Rev. Alex Toth, the present minister. The first (frame) church was built in 1894, and dedicated on Nov. 25th, 1894. by Rev. Alex. Harsanyi and Rev. Stepler. In 1896 a parsonage was built. A few years later a fine new stone church was built.

PITTSBURGH, PA.

The work among the Hungarians in Pittsburgh was begun in 1892 by the Rev. John H. Prugh, who was the first who discerned the importance of this work, and took the Hungarians under his protection, for whom he built a church in 1893. The pastors of the congregation were John Kovach, from 1892 until 1894. He later became a preacher in Toledo. Frank Ferencsy, from 1892

until 1898. He died in June, 1898. Paul Konyha, from 1898 until 1903. From 1903, Alex. Kalassay has been the pastor of the congregation.

TRENTON, N. J.

Organized in July, 1895. First pastor was Gustav Juranyi. He was followed by Frank Csanfordy, in 1897, who held this position until 1898, when Stephen Virag occupied this position, and held it until 1906.

TOLEDO, OHIO.

Toledo was a member of the classis for only a short time, during the pastorate of John Kovach. When John Kovach left Toledo, the congregation did not wish to call a pastor, but asked Eugene Boross, a theological student, to perform the duties necessary. For this reason the congregation was excluded from the classis.

WEST CLEVELAND.

West Cleveland joined the classis lately. Organized in 1906. The pastor was Charles Erdei, who was ordained here. The congregation was in the classis only until 1907.

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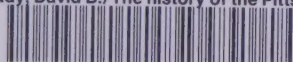
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